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M. A. P. S.	= Member of the American Philosophical Society.
M. C. C.	= Member of the Continental Congress.
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Ms.	= Manuscript.
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From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. January 1. Bordeaux.

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From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. January 4. Philadelphia.

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From **Chevalier [Jean Florimel Langlois] Du Bouchet.** 1779. January 4. Auxerre.

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From ——— **Cucket.** 1779. January 4. Paris.

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From **Samuel Cooper.** 1779. January 4. Boston.

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Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 305).

From [**Madame**] **de Corvalle, née Kopbell.** 1779. January 5. Paris.

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From **[Antoine] Holtzer.** 1779. January 6. Colmar.

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From ——— **Calmels.** 1779. January 8. Brest.

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From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. January 8 [?] The Hague.

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From **Vincent Dagord.** 1779. January 8 and February 26.

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From **Charles Christopher Reiche.** 1779. January 9. Dessau.

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From **Jos[eph] Greenleaf.** 1779. January 9. Boston.

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From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 9. Bordeaux.

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From **Peter Collas.** 1779. January 10. Nantes.

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From [**François**] **Lanthenar.** 1779. January 12. Lyons.

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From [**Capt. Jacques**] **Le Maire.** 1779. January 12. Nantes.

Announcing the burning of the ship "le Flaman," Captain Blondeau. Has written many times requesting answers to his letters he brought from the Governor of Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 30.**

From **Georg Balthasar Ludwig.** 1779. January 13. Arnstadt.

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From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. January 13. Copenhagen.

Acknowledging his letter of the 25th ult. containing the approval of his proposition; unfortunately, before its receipt, the ship intended for the voyage was sold at public auction; his regret at such a miscarriage of his plans. His intended trip to Stockholm; is aware that America does not need the good will of any more European powers, but nothing ought to be neglected. Mr. F. Lewis has promised his utmost interest to get him some employment in Europe; his present character that of a modern Don Quixote. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIII, 31.**

From **Lavabre, Doerner & Co.** 1779. January 15. Paris.

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From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. January 15. The Hague.

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From **R[ichard] P[rice].** 1779. January 15.

Begging F[rankli]n to procure for the bearer, Mr. Morris, access to the persons he wants to see; his business is to procure some passports; trusts this will give Dr. Franklin small trouble. Sends the enclosed papers by Mr. Morris, of their contents he is ignorant. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 33.**

From **Sieur De Pommereuille.** 1779. January 16. Paris.

Undaunted by the cruelty of the English toward French prisoners, desires to fight under the colors of liberty; begs for an interview so that, should his request be refused, he may still have seen the most illustrious man of his age. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 34.**

From [**Capt.**] **Tho[ma]s Pickerin.** 1779. January 16. Brest.

Concerning the two prizes taken by him since he left Brest; the Court of Admiralty's failure to condemn the cargo of the second prize. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 35.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 16. The Hague.

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From ——— **D'aigueville.** 1779. January 16. Alicante.

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From ——— **Lemire.** 1779. January 17. Dieppe.

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From **John Watson and John Swain** *to* **Franklin and Lee.** 1779. January 17. Calais.

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From **[Daniel Marc Antoine] Chardon.** [1779?] January 17. Paris.

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From **Pierre-François Nicolas.** 1779. January 18. Paris.

Has sent him a copy of his work "Dissertation Chimique sur les eaux minérales de la Lorraine"; stimulating effect on his own work of Franklin's treatise on electricity. Has discovered a sure process of dyeing cottons a fast black; offers to treat with Franklin concerning this discovery, if it can be of use to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 39.**

From **[Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.**
1779. January 19. Paris.

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From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1779. January 19. Brest.

Begging Franklin to communicate the contents of the enclosed to his colleagues, particularly to Mr. Izard. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 42.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas]** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. January 19. The Hague.

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From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. January 19. The Hague.

Begging Franklin to pay no attention to an open letter which may be presented to him by a M. Poirier, a lawyer of Dunkirk; his reasons for doubting the good faith of this gentleman; his desire to obtain the position of American agent at Dunkirk; is sending Franklin four lines by the hand of a much better friend to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 76.**

From **Lieut. Thomas Walton.** 1779. January 20. Spithead.

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From **H[ezekiah] Ford.** 1779. January 20. Chaillot.

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From ——— **Monthuley.** 1779. January 20. Evreux.

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From **Baron de Holtzendorff.** 1779. January 20. Paris.

Wishes to know if Franklin has conferred with his colleagues respecting the papers he sent him and their decision. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 45.**

From **Ra[lph] Izard.** 1779. January 20. Paris.

Calls upon Franklin to fulfil his promise, made in the presence of Lee and Adams, to send him a copy of his answer to the writer's letter of the 2d inst.; desires at the same time all his reasons, in writing, for disobeying the Resolution of Congress of May 7th, 1778. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 47a.**

From **J. D. Van der Capellen.** 1779. January 21. Zwolle.

Despairs of making any progress in favor of American credit, while false reports of English victories are being continually circulated;

urges the wisdom of having a correspondent devoted to the interests of France and America, to whom authentic reports might be forwarded. Favorable impression created by Governor Trumbull's letter. Appreciates the honor done him by the Ministers at Passy, in their generous commendation of his conduct with regard to the Scottish Brigade; thanks them for their very kind offer, which at present he is unable to accept. Excellent choice France has made in the person of the Duc de la Vauguyon. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 48.**

From **John Lloyd,** *et al.,* **American Merchants at Nantes** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 21. Nantes.

Concerning a convoy to guard merchant ships to America. Severity of weather hinders sailing of ships. Acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Treaty of Commerce, and ask what ports are to be free, pursuant to the 30th Article. Refer to danger from Barbary corsairs, and ask advice as to protection from them. Pray for more knowledge as to the impost duties levied by each of the United States. Patience and perseverance will win the present contest. A. L. S. 4 p. **LIV, 5.**

From ——— **de Parny.** 1779. January 21. Paris.

Writes for information concerning a sum of money deposited in the public treasury, at Charleston, and redeemable at a certain date. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 49.**

From **Jno. Gilbank** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 21. Nantes.

The mortification of their refusal to accept his bill; there is one method still left by which he may raise the desired sum; that is, for them to endorse a bill drawn by him on the President of Congress; if this suggestion is also refused, is afraid it will be attributed to their indifference to the fate of an American officer. Complains bitterly of the treatment he has received; exonerates Congress from being privy to it; hints at a time coming when he may be able to resent this treatment in another way than by words. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 50.**

From **Geo[rge] Hakins, John Tomling, James Horel, John Redaway and John Sheay.** 1779. January 21. Quimper.

Their escape from a British privateer and their present imprisonment among a parcel of French thieves, with only six sous a day to live upon, to lie on dirt at night, and to gaze through iron bars all day; beg Franklin to take pity on his poor countrymen. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 51.**

From **John Thompson.** 1779. January 22. Brest.

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From ——— **Adamoli.** 1779. January 22. Paris.

Sending Franklin a poem which he trusts will meet with his approbation. Desires to know if the "Société d'Emulation," of London, rewards discoveries presented by any but Englishmen; the discovery in question will considerably shorten long and difficult calculations in weights, measures, monies, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 52.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779.] January 22.

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From **Rob[er]t Niles** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 22. Nantes.

Was captured by a Jersey privateer whose captain accidentally let fall that Mr. Dobrée, of Guernsey, was one of his owners; his son, Mr. Dobree of Nantes, anxious to have in writing the particulars of this conversation, but as it is a matter which concerns the country, thought it best to leave the decision with them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 53.**

From **G. B. [David Hartley].** 1779. January 23.

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From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.,** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 23. Nantes.

Concerning some property belonging to Mr. Simeon Deane which was delivered by mistake to M. Schweighauser. Bill for gunstocks, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 3.**

From **W[illiam] Lee** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 23. Frankfort.

Requesting the Commissioners to obtain articles of war for the State of Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 25.**

From **——— Girard.** 1779. January 23. Rennes.

Demands justice from Franklin in the case of one of his compatriots, who hired a chaise from him on the pretext of going to Paris to consult him on important business; since then nothing has been heard of the chaise. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 55.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. January 23. London.

Has communicated Franklin's favor of January 1st to the Board of Sick and Hurt and received their answer to the effect that measures are being taken to send to France the number of Americans agreed upon for the exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 56.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 23. Bordeaux.

Requesting passes for certain American ships which otherwise are taken by their own people as well as by the enemy. Reports received from Cadiz of an engagement between Comte d'Estaing and an English fleet. Letters from Martinique mention that their ports are blockaded by English cruisers and that Comte d'Estaing is daily expected. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 57.**

From **Sieur De Pommereuille.** 1779. January 24. Paris.

Upon hearing that there are 5,000 officers without employment in America, gave up an idea of bearing arms there. Is very anxious to join a friend of his in Boston; desires to know something about that city, if a man can live there pleasantly and if the price of provisions are very high. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 58.**

From **W[illia]m Kentisbear.** 1779. January 24. Toulon.

Implores Dr. Franklin to procure his freedom, that he might secure a pass and proceed to his family in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 26.**

From **Ja[me]s Swallow.** 1779. January 25. Calais prison.

Begging Franklin to obtain his release. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 60.**

From **Josiah Darrell.** 1779. January 25. Nantes.

Complains that five of his sailors have deserted, and have then been taken on board French privateers. Has been involved in five law-suits; considers one which he lost very unjust, whereby he is forced to pay his sailors' debts, after he had notified the people that he would not be answerable for their debts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 61.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. January 25. The Hague.

Concerning a loan for the United States to be raised at Amsterdam; his dissatisfaction with the manner in which the affair has been conducted. Greater work he could accomplish if he had a formal commission as American Chargé d'Affaires to the United Netherlands. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 77.**

From **Pierre le Cacheur, Julien Bertols, ——— Farcis and ——— Vincent.** 1779. January 25.

Ask Franklin to obtain their liberty so as to enable them to enter the service of the United States. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 20a.**

From [**Pahin Champlain de**] **la Blancherie.** 1779. January 25. Paris.

Missed him at the last meeting; hopes he may have the pleasure of seeing him at the next. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 62.**

From **Lieut.-Col. [Antoine Félix] Wuibert.** 1779. January 25. Paris.

Was unable to see Mr. Lee, on account of his being ill. His miserable situation without money or friends; his family unable to assist him; anchors all his hopes to Franklin; is only too anxious to serve America and revenge himself for all the ill treatment inflicted upon him by the enemy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 63.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. January 25. Brest.

His arrival from America via Havana. Has some letters to deliver to them in person; must first go to Nantes to give directions for the disposal of any property, belonging to South Carolina which has arrived in Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 64.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. January 26. Chaillot.

His fever still confines him to the house. Urges the absolute necessity of informing the Minister without delay of the exhausted state of their finances. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 46.**

From **W[illia]m Kentisbear.** 1779. January 26. Toulon.

His inability to either speak or understand French, and begs Dr. Franklin to procure his freedom and enable him to proceed to his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 27.**

From **Davy des Pittières.** 1779. January 26. La Flèche.

His son entered the American service in January, 1777; in 1778, he was a lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of Georgia; since then has heard nothing; if he lives, begs Franklin to aid his advancement, and if he is dead, asks for a certificate of the fact. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 65.**

From **S. Petrie.** 1779. January 26. Paris.

Begging that the enclosed letter be sent to Philadelphia with Franklin's despatches. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 66.**

From **——— Charbonnet.** 1779. January 27. Brest.

Asks his protection for two friends at Lyons; having received his permission to communicate their plans to him, sends the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 67.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas]** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. January 27. The Hague.

The Resolution of November 18th annulled by the Holland Assembly; their answer to France not yet decided upon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 78.**

From **Capt. E[manuel] P[ierre] De La Plaigne.**
1779. January 27. Limoges.

Asks Franklin to assist his brother, to whom he gave one of the commissions of lieutenant, which the Congress of Georgia empowered him to bestow; has heard that le Sieur de Foucherelles has endeavored to injure his and his brother's reputation. Asks if it is true that Franklin discouraged M. Aubert from attempting another passage to Savannah. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 68.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.**
[1779. January.] Wednesday, 27.

Begging Franklin to postpone his dinner with Mme. Bouffé from February 2d to the 3d or 10th. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 124.**

From **[Capt.] Tho[ma]s Pickerin.** 1779. January 28. Brest.

Concerning his right to vessels recaptured as prizes. L. S. 4 p. **LXI, 92.**

From **John Lloyd** *et al.,* **American Merchants and Captains of Vessels** *to* **The [American] Commissioners.**
1779. January 28. Nantes.

Complaining of the hindrances to American vessels in French waters, and asking for redress. Mem. S. 4 p. **LXI, 17.**

From **C. Z. Pelissieu.** 1779. January 29. Lyons.

Sent Franklin three certificates of the supplies furnished in 1776 by M. Laframboise to the army of the United States at Three Rivers, in Canada; reminds Franklin of his promise to obtain, from Congress, the payment of this sum. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 69.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. January 29. The Hague.

Has need of his advice in a career which grows more and more ticklish. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 79.**

From **Baron de L'Espérance.** 1779. January 29. Paris.

Recommending [I.] Bordot for the position of agent of Congress at La Rochelle. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 70.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1779. January 29. Philadelphia.

The enemy exerting their forces but too successfully in Georgia; hopes that Comte d'Estaing will be able to operate with the Colonial forces in order to wrest from their foes the fruits of their present success. Late as it is, encloses a quadruplicate of his credentials and wishes him every success in his important agency. A. L. S. James Lovell. 1 p. (Copy.) **XIII, 71.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1779. January 29. Philadelphia.

Triplicate of preceding, with an additional letter announcing that he has forwarded, via St. Eustatia, letters for Franklin and the Marquis de la Fayette, from the President of Congress. A. L. S. James Lovell. 3 p. **XIII, 72.**

From ——— ——— *to* **the American Commissioners.** 1779. January 30. Bristol.

Was made prisoner when the vessel "Senaut Protée," from Philadelphia for France, was captured by two English privateers. Amongst his letters and papers seized were several bills of exchange drawn on the American Commissioners. The latter are requested not to pay these bills, unless endorsed by Hope & Co., of Amsterdam. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LIV, 6.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.,** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. January 31. Nantes.

Concerning two indorsements, by Arthur Lee, written on the back of his accounts sent to the Commissioners; quotes the two in full; considers them as injurious to his reputation as they are false and malignant; begs them to order an examination of his accounts; desires nothing but justice. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 4.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779.] January 31.

Giving him a comb which will last another twenty years; believes he will have a long life. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 14.**

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From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1779. January. Paris.

Concerning an expedition of which he is to be given the command; hopes it may take place as it will plague their good friends, and perhaps get some money for America; with two such points in view, would go round the world; is awaiting Captain Jones with the greatest impatience. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 2.**

From **Espivent [de La] Villesboisnet.** 1779. January. Paris.

Concerning prize vessels captured by Captain Pi[c]ker[i]n. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 18.**

From **Veuve Min Cornic et Min fils.** 1779. February 1. Morlaix.

Concerning the arrival of a small English ship, called the "Butterfly," captured on the 16th by the Corsair, "le Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 73.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 2. Bordeaux.

Arrival of Captain Jason Lawrence, whose schooner, the "General Arnold," was captured by a Jersey privateer; he destroyed the packets and bills of exchange he had from Congress; he reports great unanimity in Pennsylvania and much spirit in Philadelphia; European goods scarce and dear; the English privateers off Chesapeake Bay very numerous. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 74.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. February 2. Nantes.

Sending him the letter written to himself and Mr. Adams in consequence of the accusations of Mr. Lee [XXXVII, 4, see p. 17]. Concerning the choice of his judges; sends an estimate of the supplies which have passed through his hands and an estimate of his profits, which amounted to not 1¼ per cent. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXVIII, 5.**

From **David Sears.** 1779. February 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning some furs which he brought over to France from Boston; trouble with the custom house; desires Franklin to write them a line of explanation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 75.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 3. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. (In quadruplicate.) 1 p. **LIV, 7.**

From **A. Borel.** 1779. February 3.

Enclosing the two papers confided to him by Franklin; looked in vain for him at M. de la Blancherie's assemblies. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 76.**

From **John Lloyd** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 4. Nantes.

Acknowledging their letter of the 26th ult., addressed to several American gentlemen. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 77.**

From **William Gordon.** 1779. February 4. Jamaica Plains.

Asks that the enclosed letter concerning Mr. Parker's ship may be forwarded by a safe conveyance. Thinks Mr. Deane has been imprudent in the matter of his publications. The amazing damage done to the country by too much paper and too little hard money. Hopes the wisdom of Congress and the assistance of France will decrease the high price of all articles. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 78.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. February 4. Nantes.

Arrival of a brig from Edenton; Captain reports that troops were embarking at New York, that General Washington was moving to the north and General [Nathanael] Greene to the south. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 6.**

From ——— ———. 1779. February 4. Paris.

Asking Franklin to return him the French verses which he gave him on the last occasion Franklin dined at his house. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 28.**

From **Antoine François Salucci et fils.**
1779. February 5. Leghorn.

Concerning a vessel they have fitted out for America; thanks Franklin for the passport granted the captain and begs him to write to America in order to facilitate this project. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 79.**

From **Stephen Marchant.** 1779. February 5. Dunkirk.

Has accepted the command of a privateer at Dunkirk and desires a commission from Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 81.**

From ——— **de la Mothe du Pin.** 1779. February 5.

Is anxious to hear what success has attended Franklin's letter on his account, to the Congress of Georgia. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 83.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. February 6. Chaillot.

Sees that Mr. Deane, in his public letter, has declared that he received a Resolution of Congress recalling him and appointing another Commissioner in his place on the 4th of March; desires to know if this fact was concealed from Franklin as well as from him. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 84.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham.** 1779. February 6. St. Pierre.

Instances in which certain articles of the Treaty of Commerce have not been enforced. Report of a successful enterprise against Savannah, by a detachment of British troops who, it was said, were marching toward Charleston without opposition. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 85.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **Franklin and Adams.**
1779. February 7. Chaillot.

Concerning the appointment of Dr. Bancroft to transact business for them in England; at a loss to conceive why he has no choice in this matter; the notorious character of Dr. Bancroft as a stock-jobber; his living in open defiance of decency and religion; his enmity against him [Lee]; has evidence in his possession proving Dr. Bancroft a criminal with regard to the United States; washes his hands of any such appointment. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 86.**

From **Chevalier de Raimondis.** 1779. February 7. Brest.

Would have delivered personally to Franklin the letter intrusted to him by General Gates, if his health had permitted it; lost his arm while commanding the "Cæsar" in an engagement off Rhode Island, and the wound is not yet healed; has entrusted the letter to M. de La Neuville, a great friend of General Gates. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 87.**

From ——— **O'heguerty.** 1779. February 7. Nancy.

Desires to offer his services to the Americans and begs for a letter of recommendation for that country; has a profession and a fortune, but detests idleness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 88.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. February 7. Brest.

Announcing his arrival from Boston where he was fitted out for the purpose of conveying to France, the Marquis de la Fayette and his suite and the Chevalier de Raimondis. Difficulty they had in obtaining seamen owing to the number of privateer ships of war in America; describes a threatened mutiny on board and the instant means they took to check it; at present in need of 100 good seamen. Describes the trip. Thirty-eight of his men in irons. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 89.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **Franklin and Adams.**

1779. February 7. Chaillot.

Desires to know if it is true that Dr. Bancroft goes to England, charged with a commission from Franklin, Adams and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 90.**

From **M. and Mme. de Monngard.** [1779.] February 7.

Accepting his invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 215.**

From **Joseph Chase** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 8. Nantes.

Asking them to procure his brother's discharge from prison at Dinan, as well as certain other prisoners who claim to go on board any ship-of-war belonging to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 91.**

From **Rudolphe Ernest Hartmann.** 1779. February 8. Amsterdam.

Refers to his letters of the 15th and 25th of June with enclosure to General Washington with inquiries concerning Baron Hermann de Zedwitz, who owed him a considerable sum of money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 92.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. February 8. Amsterdam.

No marks mentioned by which Mr. Deane's claim to any of the goods in the possession of the public agent can be ascertained; cannot think it consistent with his duty to concur in delivering them to any person upon so inadequate a claim. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 93.**

From **J[ohn] J[ulius] Pringle** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. February 9. Paris.

Having heard that it is their intention to despatch some person to England to negotiate an exchange of prisoners, offers his services in that capacity. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 94.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **Franklin and Adams.**
1779. February 9. Chaillot.

Forwards the letter just received; convinced that the gentleman who offers his services, is unexceptionable as to character and abilities; hopes he will meet with their approbation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 95.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. February 9. Bordeaux.

Acknowledging the four passports for the ship. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 96.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1779. February 10. Paris.

Concerning the type ordered by Franklin, which is ready to be sent. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 97.**

From **Arthur Lee** *to* **Franklin and Adams.**
1779. February 10. Chaillot.

Being now convinced that Mr. Deane's claim is ascertained by marks, has signed the letter. Reasons why he is unwilling to sign the letter

to Captain Jones concerning his commission. Complains of having received a very indecent letter from Dr. Bancroft desiring a copy of the letter containing an attack upon his character; the disclosure of privately expressed opinions can only expose the Commissioners to abuse and malevolence. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 98.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 10. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Explains a glaring act of injustice to some American seamen by the Judge of the Admiralty; these men, having escaped from prison, entered into the service of an English vessel of which they afterwards gained possession; having arrived at Martinique and being fired on by the forts, they sought the protection of a French frigate who guided them into port; since then the Judge has condemned their ship as a lawful prize of the French frigate; the effect of such injustice on every American on the island. A. L. S. 5 p. **XIII, 99.**

From ——— **Le Roux.** [1779. February 10?] Paris.

His plans for a National Academy of Education, a patriotic and philanthropic institution, the publication of a periodical Journal of Education, and the erection of a Hall of Fame. L. 5 p. (In French.) **XL, 76.**

From **Joseph Wharton, [Jr.].** 1779. February 11. Nantes.

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment as sole representative of America at the Court of France. Wishes to know if the "Alliance" is to return to America and if their fifteen or more vessels may have the benefit of her convoy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 99½.**

From **Jean Rousseaux.** 1779. February 12. Calais.

Has written two letters explaining his miserable situation and begging for assistance, but has received no reply; lost everything when he was taken prisoner on the 19th of September, 1777. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 100.**

From **Jos[eph] Belton.** 1779. February 13. Passy.

Receipt for fifty Louis d'ors on account of public service to the United States which he undertook to perform. A. Mem. S. 1 p. **L(ii), 56b.**

From ——— **Jullien.** 1779. February 13. Lyons.

The scepter of imposture is broken; the clarion note of philosophy has convicted Bernard and other dangerous snarlers, of lying and error; fearful effects of fanaticism; triumph of reason and humanity as exemplified in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 101.**

From [**Pierre Augustin**] **Caron de Beaumarchais.** 1779. February 13. Paris.

The proceedings of Mr. Lee obliged him to assert his rights; this does not mean any lessening of his respect and admiration for Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XIII, 102.**

From [**Pierre Augustin**] **Caron de Beaumarchais** *to* **The Continental Congress.** 1779. February 13. Paris.

Concerning the summons sent his agent at Nantes, by order of the Commissioners, to pay over the sum he received from the sale of the small cargo of "La Thèrese"; considers this sum as part payment of the immense amount due him from Congress. Goes over the many instances of his devotion to the American cause since the year 1776; the financial sacrifices he has made and the poor return he has had, culminating in this final proof of ingratitude. Has been falsely represented to Congress as deputed by the French Court to give outright the supplies sent over; owing to such insidious means his letters to Congress remained unanswered and no return was made for the cargoes. Is obliged to address this letter officially to the three Commissioners, but his personal resentment is directed only against Arthur Lee; his opinion of that gentleman's conduct. Pictures the results of an open breach over this affair; his own sources of retaliation. L. S. 10 p. (In French. Press copy.) **XIII, 102a.**

By **The Continental Congress** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 14.

Attested copy of a resolution ordering duplicates to be issued of bills of exchange, drawn in favor of Robert Bridges. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. **LIV, 8.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts, Comtesse de Forbach.** 1779. February 14. Forbach.

The long illness of her eldest son; her own collapse after the strain of nursing; her first pleasure is to write to Franklin; is sure of a place

in his memory, which she guards with the utmost jealousy. Has received no news of her nephew; fears that he has been captured by the English; will not complain if he has died fighting for America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 104.**

From [**Chevalier de**] **Keralio.** 1779. February 14.

Thanking him many times for the good news received; is much better able to fight when Franklin supplies the weapons. Not necessary in future to sign their letters. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 105.**

From **Pierre André Gargaz.** 1779. February 14. Toulouse.

Begging Franklin to have the two subjoined manuscripts printed, in order to promote a perpetual peace between America, England, and France. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. "Project of universal peace by a galley-slave." **XIII, 106.**

From **Le Bolloche de Kascoct.** 1779. February 15. Paimpal.

His eldest son, Thibault Le Bolloche, who sailed for America in June last, a prisoner at Kilkenny, Ireland. Gives an account of himself, his family and children. Thanks Franklin for the kindness he has shown them, and begs him to advance his son two Louis to assist his return home. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 82.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1779. February 15. Passy.

Acknowledging certain sums of money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 103.**

From **Jno. Badger.** 1779. February 15. Paris.

Apologizes for not waiting in person on Franklin with his humble request, but is obliged to leave at once for Lyons. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 107.**

From ——— **Girardin.** 1779. February 15. Paris.

Desires to make some improvements in physical apparatus. The new electrical machine he presented to Franklin is for sale, and can always be seen at the house of M. le Marquis de Courtanvaux; desires Franklin's approval of it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 108.**

From **Geo[rge] Anderson** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 16. Lisbon.

Concerning American seamen cast adrift at Lisbon, whose necessities have been relieved by the same gentleman mentioned in his letter of October 20th, 1778. Gives an account of a ship fitted out by this gentleman with a valuable cargo and manned with these American seamen; its subsequent capture by an English gun-ship the "Bellona." Enclose a list of the Americans now at the gentleman's house. Advisability of ordering a few French frigates to cruise off the harbor of Lisbon. Concerning a Mr. Bulkeley, who made his whole estate by the Americans, and who is at present part owner of the English privateer, "Bellona." A. L. S. 7 p. **XIII, 109.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 16. The Hague.

No answer yet to the French Ambassador. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 81.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. February 16. Nantes.

Urges Franklin to hasten the examination of his accounts. Recommends Mr. Ridley as the bearer of Franklin's letters and despatches to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 8.**

From **John Walsh and others.** (English prisoners on board Patience.)

1779. February 16. Brest.

While under the care and inspection of the officers of the "Ranger," experienced every attention and kindness, but since they have been in the charge of Mr. Riou, they have suffered various kinds of neglect; beg for a speedy exchange. A. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) **XIII, 110.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 16. Bordeaux.

Introducing M. Bory, nephew to M. Beaujon at Paris. Arrival of the Marquis de la Fayette from Boston. News of prizes. The failure of the House of Besmarin tends to increase the prejudice against American connections. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 111.**

From **Chevalier de Mauduit Duplessis.** 1779. February 17.

Desires a written testimonial from Franklin of the services he rendered to America; the great assistance which it will be to him in his approaching interview with the Minister. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 113.**

From ——— **Cochin.** 1779. February 17. Paris.

Recommending M. Panier as the best manufacturer of printing presses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 114.**

From ——— **Caccini** [?] 1779. February 17. Dunkirk.

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary; impossible for Congress to have made a choice more gratifying to France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 115.**

From **Gourlade and James Moylan.**
1779. February 17. L'Orient.

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. The sincerity of their devotion to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 116.**

From **P**[**ierre**] **Landais.** 1779. February 17. Brest.

Has received a letter from John Lotcher, master of the "Victoria," one of two Swedish ships sent to France to be examined; he reports his arrival at Bas Island and his having lost sight of the other ship, "Anna Louisa," in a fog. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 117.**

From **Lavabre, Doerner & Co.** 1779. February 18. Paris.

Asking for the return of a certain sum of money placed with Franklin's bankers to the account of M. [Pierre] Colomb, who, however, never touched it. Desires to know if vessels sailing under the Genoese flag can trade freely with the United States. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 118.**

From ——— [**De**] **Lafreté.** 1779. February 18. Paris.

Asking for the promised letter of recommendation; sends a packet for M. Gérard which he begs Franklin to forward. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 119.**

From ——— **Le Roux.** 1779. February 18. Paris.

Asking that M. Marin be informed of the day and hour when he (Le Roux) will read about a new, patriotic and disinterested institution. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 120.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. February 18. Chaillot.

Expects to call the next day and congratulate him on his appointment. Desires nothing more earnestly than to cultivate the harmony recommended in the Resolution of Congress; therefore, he will not, as he had intended, demand an explanation of Franklin's apparent concurrence with Mr. Deane in his outrageous abuse of himself. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 121.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1779. February 18. Paris.

Recommending M. Panier as one of the ablest manufacturers of printing presses; his desire to set up his business in America. Hopes to have a talk with him at M. de la Blancherie's Assembly, which meets that day; congratulates him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 121½.**

From **Richard B**[**ennett**] **Lloyd.** 1779. February 19. London.

Will remain in London until the arrival of Mr. Hartley, to whom he will deliver Franklin's letters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 122.**

From **John Walker.** 1779. February 19. Paimboeuf.

After serving three years in the service of the United States, was taken prisoner by the English and brought to England; made his escape and went to Dunkirk where he was refused aid by Mr. Coffyn; started for Paris, but his money giving out and being unable to speak French, he was enlisted in the "regiment de Berwick"; desires to be sent back to Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 123.**

From ——— **Bret.** 1779. February 19. Paris.

Having heard that Franklin is commissioned to have a gold sword made for the Marquis de la Fayette, recommends one of his friends who is willing to part with a magnificent sword, made for the late King of Portugal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 124.**

From **Susanna Hodenpyl G. B. Gillon.**

1779. February 19. Bath.

Enclosing a letter for her brother, Mr. Alexander Gillon, of Charleston, who expects to be in Paris in a few days. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 125.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1779. February 19. Paris.

Inviting Franklin to be present at a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 126.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.,** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 20. Nantes.

Rectification of the mistake relative to Mr. Simeon Deane's goods. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 9.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. February 20. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Maryland, New York, Massachusetts-Bay and Delaware. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In quadruplicate.) **LIV, 9.**

From **Saint Pierre Dutaillé.**

1779. February 20. The Frigate Concord.

Officer and engineer in the American service; sends a copy of a letter written to M. de Sartine; his unfortunate experience and present imprisonment on board the frigate "Concord." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

[Notes in English on back of Mss.] In M. de St. Pierre's letter to M. de Sartine, he confessed that, knowing how inhumanly the French prisoners were treated, he wrote a letter to the Governor of Jamaica proposing a plan for conquering Carolina and Georgia; encloses this plan and points out its palpable absurdity and the object for which it was written. His imprisonment at St. Domingo; later, sent a prisoner to France. 1 p. **XIII, 127.**

From **Desgranges & Co.** 1779. February 20. Paris.

Sending a prospectus of their armament, and asking that Franklin and his friends should aid an enterprise, whose object is to insure commercial prosperity. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 128.**

From **Durif de Cazaneuve.** 1779. February 20. La Rochelle.

Commanded "Le Marquis de la Fayette," in the service of Messrs. Mease, Barclay, Caldwell & Co., of Philadelphia; taken prisoner by the English and detained three months at Halifax; exchanged by the Comte d'Estaing and arrived finally at La Rochelle; need of money; begs Franklin to accept a letter of exchange which was drawn on Messrs. Gruel, of Nantes, who refused to pay it. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 129.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 20. Bordeaux.

Asking for a letter of marque for the ship, "Mary Fearon." Concerning a letter from the President of the Navy Board at Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 130.**

From **G[uirquette] Anquetil Brutière.** 1779. February 21. Granville.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to redress his (Brutiere's) wrongs; was compelled by an American privateer to take on board his ship seven English prisoners, who consumed the major part of his supplies, and forced him to return tc Dieppe; desires indemnification for his losses. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 131.**

From ——— **Hamelin.** 1779. February 21. Nantes.

[Joseph] Belton, an American, after boarding with him six months, left without paying; he promised to send the money upon his arrival in Paris whither he went to show Franklin a new kind of gun; begs Franklin's interest to obtain it for him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 132.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. February 21. Chaillot.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 18th inst. in which he desires all the papers belonging to their department; reasons why he declines to give up the few original papers in his possession relating to the transactions of their late joint Commission; if Congress orders it, will cede the point. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 133.**

From **Thomas [de] Mante.** 1779. February 22. Fort l'Eveque.

Obliged to have recourse to Franklin's bounty once again; the obduracy of his antagonist, which all the efforts of M. Turgot cannot soften, still subjects him to an unjust imprisonment; for want of a small sum of money, is unable to record his letters of naturalization. Has translated M. Dupont's Table of the Principles of Political Economy into English; desires to dedicate it to Franklin. His hope of returning one day to America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIII, 134.**

From **Taverne Demont D'hiver** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 22. Dunkirk.

Influenced by their recommendation, given to Captains Marchant and Arnold, both of Boston, is ready to employ them on his vessel, the "Comte de Maurepas"; desires Franklin to send two commissions to them, under his care. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 135.**

From **[Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry.** 1779. February 22. Paris.

Desiring that the enclosed pamphlet and letter may be forwarded to Mr. Silas Deane. Refers him to a certain page and line of his latest work for the quatrain referring to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 136.**

From **John Bondfield** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 22. Bordeaux.

Report just received from La Rochelle of the arrival there of a State vessel loaded with tobacco; no particulars as yet. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 137.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. February 23. Nantes.

Answers to certain questions about Mr. Mercier. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 10.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas]** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. February 23. The Hague.

Answer to the French Ambassador returned as not satisfactory. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 82.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. February 23. Nantes.

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. Begs him to interfere in the matter of exorbitant duties levied on some old furniture of his. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 138.**

From **Joseph Gridley.** 1779. February 25. Nantes.

Desiring the position of Consul to the United States in France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 140.**

From **Benj[ami]n Thompson.** 1779. February 25. Nantes.

Is a native of Boston and a son of the late Captain Thompson who commanded the galley, "Experiment," in the service of Pennsylvania; gave up his commission in the army to take up commerce; his unsuccessful expedition to France; his present situation without money or friends; desires Franklin to procure him some honest employment and to help him out of his most pressing difficulties. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 141.**

From **Henry DuBois.** 1779. February 25. Amsterdam.

Desires Franklin to send the enclosed letter to Messrs. Wallisch and Hancock, as he is furnishing them with various articles in his trade. Reports that the ship commanded by Captain Moses Grinnell, from Boston, and destined for Amsterdam, has arrived at Rotterdam. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 142.**

From ——— **Le Roux.** 1779. February 25. Paris.

Begging Franklin to deliver to M. Necker the memoir, entitled, "Plan d'un nouvel Etablissement patriotique et désinteressé"; if this plan merits Franklin's approbation, has another copy for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 143.**

From **McLaughlin & Creery.** 1779. February 26. Paimboeuf.

Account of their services in the army of the United States and their arrival in France in the "Boston" frigate commanded by Captain Tucker; were enticed into Berwick's French regiment, and having deserted in order to return to America, were retaken, punished and imprisoned; asks to be redeemed and sent back to the Continental troops. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 144.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. February 26. Brest.

Objects to completing his crew with French sailors. Repairs needed on the "Alliance"; enumerates the advantages of having her sheathed with copper; being thus equipped, sincerely believes there will be no frigate her equal in the world. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 145.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. February 26. Brest.

Before he set out for Marseilles, to take command of the "Flamand," he spoke to Mr. Deane concerning his compensation and Franklin approved of his views. Action of the Congress in relation thereto. Mr. Deane has been sitting in the Congress a long time, but nothing definite has yet been done. His monthly pay has been due since July 4th, last; has sold all his clothes and spent his cash, and has but nine guineas left. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 146.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. February 26. The Hague.

Information about a certain clique of foreigners in France, enemies to America, who are kept informed by her false friends of all her adherents attempt to do. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 83.**

From **M. and Mme. Elié de Beaumont.** 1779. February 26. Paris.

Invitation to dinner. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 147.**

From ——— **Paulze.** 1779. February 27. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for the information of the arrival, at L'Orient, of the French ship "La Bergère," loaded with tobacco from Maryland; has written concerning their portion of the cargo. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 148.**

From **I. Bordot.** 1779. February 27. La Rochelle.

Reporting the appearance, off the coast, of the French frigate, "Courageuse," with an English six and twenty gun privateer in tow; the fight said to have been desperate; no particulars as yet. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 149.**

From **Stephen Marchant.** 1779. February 27.

Has been promised the command of a privateer at Dunkirk; writes to ask for an American commission. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 150.**

From **Will[iam] MacCreery.** 1779. February 27. Bordeaux.

Asking Franklin to procure American merchants the liberty of loading salt at Bordeaux, free of duty; complains that their ships are treated as strangers and obliged to pay duties accordingly. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 151.**

From **L[ouis] H[enri] de Bourbon [Prince de Condé].** 1779. February 28. Paris.

Has arranged with Messrs. de Vergennes and Sartine to give him the necessary passports for his stud-groom Riotto [Augustin Badran]; begs also for Franklin's passport; he goes to England to procure dogs and horses. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 152.**

From **J[ea]n Rousseaux.** 1779. February 28. Dunkirk.

Claims his salary as well as his prize money due him during his service to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 153.**

From ——— **de St. Colombes.** 1779. February 28. Au Puy.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward in his mail a letter to M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] which he sends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 60.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. February 28. Brest.

Concerning the trial of the conspirators; urges again the advisability of sheathing his vessel with copper; has not time to make an estimate of the expense of all the repairs needed; his reasons for objecting to exchange most of the conspirators and carry three or four of the wickedest to America for trial, as Franklin suggests. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 154.**

From **Gioanni De Bernardi.** [1779. February ?]

Desires to settle in America and asks his advice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Italian.) **XLI, 116.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** [1779. February. Paris.]

His Majesty's orders to remain in Paris without seeing a great number of acquaintances; thousand absurd rumors circulated about American affairs; happy to receive Franklin at his house. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 134.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. March 1. The Hague.

Address presented to the States General and the Holland Assembly by a deputation of Rotterdam merchants, protesting against the wrong done them by the decree published in France; committee appointed to consult thereon with the Admiralty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 84.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 2. Nantes.

Business connected with his agency at Nantes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 11.**

From **Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1779. March 2. London.

Sends a copy of a letter received by Mr. Hartley from the Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen; Mr. Hartley's kind reception of him and his promise to send Franklin the earliest intelligence concerning an exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 155.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1779. March 2. London.

Has shared Franklin's discontent respecting the delay in the exchange of prisoners. Has received positive assurance that the first cartel-ship has left Spithead, on her passage to Plymouth, to take on board the first hundred. Has spoken to the Minister concerning Franklin's proposal to send Dr. Bancroft to expedite the exchange, but he thought it needless in so plain a business. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 156.**

From **Nathan Blodget.** 1779. March 3. Brest.

Desiring permission to leave the "Alliance," where he holds the position of purser, and go to Paris on his own business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 157.**

From ——— **Duverger.** 1779. March 3. Liège.

Offering his services to supply Franklin with arms for the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Obliged to the gentleman but has not at present any orders of that kind to be executed. **XIII, 158.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. March 3. Brest.

In reference to orders from the Navy Board of Boston, as to pay of the ship's company; encloses a copy. Expresses pleasure at the prospect of having the Honorable Mr. Adams as a passenger. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 159.**

From **[President] Tascher.** [1779?] March 3.

Recommending the son of the French Consul at Rome for a consulship in that city. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 60.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. March 3. The Hague.

Decision of the Admiralty already taken; understands that it is to be in accord with Amsterdam's wishes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 85.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham** *to* **The American Commissioners.**

1779. March 3. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Obliged to draw on them to pay for the fitting out of the frigate, "Deane," and the armed brigantine, the "General Gates," now at St. Pierre; justifies this step; Congress indebted to him for a large sum; it is with the greatest difficulty he can support the weight of such heavy advances. L. 3 p. (Copy in duplicate.) **XIII, 160 and 160½.**

From ——— **Montaudouin.** 1779. March 4. Nantes.

Congratulating Franklin on his late appointment. Trusts that he has ceased to be troubled by the gout. Sorry to hear of the lack of success Comte d'Estaing has had. Introducing M. David de Morlaix. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 161.**

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1779. March 4. Nantes.

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 162.**

From **Rich[ar]d Oliver.** 1779. March 4. London.

Expects to leave shortly for the West Indies with two or three friends; desires Franklin to lend them the protection of his name, should the fate of war make them prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 163.**

From **Tho[ma]s Paine.** 1779. March 4. Philadelphia.

Concerning Mr. Deane's inflammatory address, published in the newspapers of December 5th; the influence it exerted on the public; his reply to it; the abuse he met with not only from the people but from Congress. Justifies his attack on Mr. Deane from the papers in

his possession; the pains he took not to involve Franklin in this affair; has had an exceeding rough time of it, but the tide of public sentiment has turned in his favor. Sent in his resignation of Secretary to the Committee of Foreign affairs. A. L. S. 4 p.

[Note on MS. by unknown hand. An unfair letter! Paine dismissed from his office as Secretary for using his position to publish the substance of secret despatches.] **XIII, 164.**

From **Baronne de Mon's.** 1779. March 5. Altona.

Asking Franklin's influence with Congress that she may obtain possession of her property. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 165.**

From **Pierre Bon de Corcelles.** 1779. March 5. Moudon.

His admiration for America; desires to settle there, preferably in Pennsylvania, with several farmers who will go over under his direction; wishes information as to the price of land or whether it is granted gratis. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. Dr. of answer by Benjamin Franklin. That the lands in Pennsylvania not yet granted all belong to the Proprietary, Mr. Penn. That he sells them for £5, sterling, the 100 acres. A price so low that probably the gentlemen would chuse rather to purchase than to accept them as a gift. That no lands are given to encourage strangers to settle in that province. A good climate, good air, good soil, good government, good laws and liberty have been sufficient encouragements without hiring inhabitants by other gifts; and all these he will meet with, besides an honest, virtuous people, who receive strangers with a sincere welcome and will respect his talents. 1 p. **XIII, 166.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. March 5. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished the States of New Hampshire, New Jersey and Virginia. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In triplicate.) **LIV, 15.**

From **Chr. Baldwin.** 1779. March 5. London.

Their ardent desire to see him again; his liturgy is Mrs. Baldwin's regular Sunday entertainment. Hopes his son has received the letters of recommendation sent by Franklin. The profile he alluded to is 2½ inches long, of the Royal Manufactory of Sauve; Miss Watkins promises to kiss it the moment it comes to hand. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 168.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. March 5. L'Orient.

Requesting instructions regarding the cargo of tobacco arrived from Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 169.**

From ——— **Aubry.** 1779. March 6. Luxeuil.

Desires Franklin to procure his son employment in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 170.**

From **Rudolphe Ernest Hartmann.** 1779. March 6. Amsterdam.

Wrote him the year before, in June, with a request to forward to General Washington his letter concerning the whereabouts of Baron de Zedwitz, who owes him a large sum of money; desires to know if Franklin has received any information. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Sent his letter to America, but has heard nothing since. **XIII, 171.**

From **Will[iam] MacCreery.** 1779. March 6. Bordeaux.

Wrote Franklin concerning the port duties charged on sundry articles shipped by the subjects of the United States. Asks him to obtain permission from the Minister for Messrs. Delap and himself to load the ship "Buckskin" with salt, free of duty. Offers to take any goods bound for Maryland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 172.**

From **S. and J. H. Delap.** 1779. March 6. Bordeaux.

Asking Franklin to give his decision in the case of a prize brig laden with fish and oil, whose sale was stopped by the Judge of the Admiralty; need of haste owing to the perishable quality of the cargo. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 173.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. March 6. Nantes.

Thanking him for his readiness to release him from the duties imposed on his furniture by the Farmers-General; sends a list of the articles involved. Pleased with the appointment of the Alliance to convoy their ships to America. Arrival of "La Bergère" with a cargo of tobacco. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 174.**

From **Jacques de Roberdeau.** 1779. March 6. Haguenau.

In February of the preceding year, sent Franklin a letter to forward to General Daniel Roberdeau, Member of Congress in the United States; having received no answer, encloses another, which he begs may be sent by a safe conveyance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 175.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. March 6. L'Orient.

The mystery so delicately mentioned in Franklin's favor of the 24th, he intended to explain much earlier; encloses a copy of the original paper; the subject was communicated to sundry members of Congress at the beginning of the war; after this misfortune of his life, was advised to retire *incognito* to America until the Admiralty Commission should arrive on the Island; everything changed by the revolution in America; appointments he received in the navy of the Colonies; his summary of his own character. Explains the affair of the pillage of Lord Selkirk's plate;[1] his intention to restore it; believes Mr. Alexander to be his enemy; his indifference to spies. Congratulates Franklin on his appointment. Concerning the outfit of the "Poor Richard."

[Enclosure.] Account of the accidental killing of a mutinous sailor, by the master of a West India ship [evidently John Paul Jones himself]; his actions, subsequent to this melancholy accident; reasons why he did not surrender himself for trial. A. L. S. 10 p. **XIII, 176.**

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[1] See also "John Paul Jones Commemoration at Annapolis, April 24, 1906." Washington, 1907, p. 123 *et seq.*

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. March 6. Bordeaux.

News of the arrival of various ships from America. South Carolina perfectly secure from any attempt of the enemy. The ships at Nantes loaded and ready to sail. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 177.**

From ——— ———. March 6. [*Circa* 1779.]

Glad to hear of his welfare; neither of the drafts mentioned have appeared. Wishes they may live to meet when swords and spears are beat into plough shares and pruning hooks. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 103.**

From **Brissot de Warville.** [1779.] March 7. Paris.

Has seen him at M. Marat's experiments; admired him from afar; sent him a prospectus of his work on Penal Laws, with a letter to which he has received no answer; asks his acceptance of a little work on the same subject. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 82.**

From **Sam[ue]l W. Stockton.**

1779. March 7. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Franklin's acquaintance with the reasons for his coming to and remaining in Germany; is now about to return to America, unless Franklin can suggest some situation in which he can serve his country; if not, begs leave to carry Franklin's next despatches to Congress; this will perhaps entitle him to a free passsage, an important point with him at present. Congratulates him on his appointment. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 179.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 9. Nantes.

General run of articles ordered from America. Letter he wrote Mr. Lee. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 13.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. March 9. Bordeaux.

News of the arrival of certain vessels with their prizes. Lack of success among the French privateers from these ports. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 180.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. March 10. Copenhagen.

Well pleased at the disposition of the Swedish Court towards the American cause; has had several conferences with the Prime Minister and the King; believes that through Sweden, Russia might be wrought upon to change her attitude. Is about to leave for Amsterdam, whence he means to sail for America; desires Franklin to send him word if he can employ him in any adequate or useful manner. Hints at the likelihood of a certain family sowing seeds of discord in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 181.**

From ——— ———. 1779. March 10.

Requesting Franklin to accept the enclosed drafts. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 29.**

From **Taverne Demont D'hiver.** 1779. March 10. Dunkirk.

Observes by Franklin's favor of the 28th ult. that he is waiting to hear from Congress before granting his request. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 182.**

From **Darlincourt and fils.** 1779. March 10. Paris.

Have a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin, for which they desire his signature. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 183.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. March 10. Brest.

Can do nothing respecting their Swedish prize until he receives Franklin's positive orders concerning the disposal of the prisoners and the refitting and manning of his ship. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 184.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 10. Nantes.

Enclosing a copy of his letter to Mr. Lee [of March 8] to which he has received no answer. Sorry to hear that M. Beaumarchais and the late Commissioners could not agree. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 14.**

From ——— **Sovalete.** 1779. March 11. Paris.

Desiring him to frank the accompanying letter. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 185.**

From **J[oseph] Priestley.** 1779. March 11. London.

Introducing Mr. Hamilton, of Ireland, a friend of liberty, and a lover of science. Has often wished for an opportunity to converse, or even to write with freedom on the subject of a scheme once entertained by Franklin in his favor. Is just printing off a volume of a new work of experiments in various branches of natural philosophy; promises to send him a copy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 186.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1778.] March 11. Passy.

Was disappointed when she heard Franklin's carriage go away. Had expected him to come in. Has been suffering from insomnia. Asks him to call soon. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 32, a.**

From **Bernard Pées.** 1779. March 12. Nantes.

Giving an account of his misfortunes since quitting St. Pierre, Martinique, in January, 1777, with a cargo bound for Charleston; twice he lost his vessel and twice he was imprisoned by the English; is now anxious to return to his wife and children at St. Pierre; sends Franklin a sum in silver of the United States and begs for an equivalent in French livres. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 187.**

From **Thomas [de] Mante.** 1779. March 12.

Solicits an answer to the letter he wrote some days before. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 188.**

From ——— **Ridou.** 1779. March 12. Paris.

Has heard of Franklin's success in curing several persons of the dropsy; begs to know the remedy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XIII, 189.

From ——— **Arondel.** 1779. March 12. Paris.

Related to Lord Arundel in England; has tried for six months, in vain, to obtain a position which will enable him to support his aged father; at present is only a common soldier; requests Franklin's protection; if this is refused, will be obliged to go to England and accept benefits from Lord Arundel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XIII, 189½.

From **H. Sykes.** 1779. March 13. Paris.

Encloses a letter from Mr. Haywood, which will explain all the particulars relative to the small globe which Franklin was interested in. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 190.**

From **François Astori.** 1779. March 13. Naples.

Pays Franklin extravagant compliments. Speaks of Franklin having introduced his grand-son to Voltaire, that he might say like Ovid did of Virgil: "Virgilium vidi." A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XIII, 191.

From ——— **Boyenval.** 1779. March 13. Montreuil.

Desires to enter the American army and to spend the rest of his days in that country; hopes Franklin can procure him a commission. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

[A. E. by Franklin.] Particularly instructed by Congress not to give encouragement to any persons desirous of serving in America as officers; abundance of officers in the country who cannot find employment. **XIII, 192.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. March 13. Chaillot.

Acknowledging Franklin's two letters; being employed in moving to new lodgings, cannot answer them for some days. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIII, 193.**

From **Anquetil Duperron.** 1779. March 14. Paris.

Sends Franklin his work, *La Legislation Orientale.* France worthy of the honor the United States has conferred on them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 194.**

From [**Mrs.**] **P**[**atience**] **Wright.** 1779. March 14. London.

Expects to return to America and will stop over at Paris to see her old friend. Her ability as a skillful modeller in wax; asks Franklin's opinion as to her chances of exercising this art in Paris; hopes to meet with the same success which she has achieved in London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 195.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. March 15. The Hague.

Arrival of M. Sturler and M. de Neufville; account of the time he spent with the latter. Has put in order the plan of the future treaty [between Holland and America]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 86.**

From **L. Bauchot.** 1779. March 15. Nantes.

Has experienced the same trials as M. Marchant, whom Franklin sent to Dunkirk to command a frigate; begs for a letter of recommendation to some French agent at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 196.**

From **Comte Sutton de Clonard.** 1779. March 15.

Asking that the passports and the needful papers may be sent. Begs that Thomas Wilkinson, formerly pilot of the "Drake," may be included in the first exchange of prisoners. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIII, 197.**

From ——— **Montieu.** 1779. March 16. Rochefort.

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary. Encloses two accounts which he begs him to settle. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 198.**

From **Anthonius Albertus Vergeel.**

1779. March 16. (Old Style.) St. Petersburg.

Wishes to become a citizen of the United States. Gives personal sketch. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 60.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1779. March 17. Paris.

The bust of Franklin is packed and ready; hardened it with wax, as desired; hopes it will arrive in good condition. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 199.**

From **Georgiana Shipley.** 1779. March 17. London.

Laments the necessary interruption of their correspondence. Trusts he has recovered from his attack of gout. Their removal from Jermyn street to Bolton street; expects to spend the summer at Twyford. Her devotion to reading and drawing; has made no great progress in electricity since her instructor went away. Family news. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIII, 200.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. March 17. Brest.

Sends a list of the ship's company showing the smallness of his crew. Surprised and wounded at Franklin's remarks about incurring expenses, etc. Delay in arranging for the disposal of the mutineers; difficulty of procuring the necessary articles for rigging his ship; repairs at present in progress; after the mutineers are on shore, provided the crew be strong enough, will proceed wherever Mr. Schweighauser directs, be the consequence what it may. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 201.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 18. Nantes.

Dined Mr. Adams. Convinced that M. de Fontevieux arrived safely in America the previous summer. M. Montieu's desire to have him take the "Franklin" frigate and one or two other vessels to America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 15.**

From **Vincent Dagord.**

1779. March 18, April 13 and May 4. Brest.

Request to be released from prison to enter the service of America. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) (In triplicate.) **LXII, 27, 28, 29.**

From **D[orothy] Blunt.** 1779. March 18. Kensington.

Offered a chance by their friend "Saint Hutton" to get a letter to Franklin. Finds fault with him for remaining long enough in England to gain the love of some, and then quarreling with others to such fatal effect. Details all the news concerning his family. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 202.**

From **Chevalier Bernard de Marigny.** 1779. March 19. Brest.

Doubts not that it was in great part due to Franklin that he obtained the position of captain in the navy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 203.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1779. March 19. Paris.

The box is ready to be removed whenever Franklin pleases; sends directions for unpacking it, in case it is sent to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 204.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. March 19. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 13th relative to the few papers of their late joint Commission, remaining in his hands; is ready to give copies, sealed and authenticated, of all of them, but declines to relinquish the originals, which are necessary for the vindication of his character; that Mr. Adams gave up his papers, unasked, is not a case in point, he not being calumniated. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 205.**

From **Carbouriech & Co.** 1779. March 20. Carcassonne.

Offers to supply Congress with the finest cloth for officers' uniforms. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Thanking them for offer, but, since the treaty between France and America, all such affairs are left to private merchants; will communicate his letter to Mr. Jonathan Williams, of Nantes. **XIII, 206.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779.] March 20.

Inviting Franklin to tea, to hear some music and play a game of chess. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 22.**

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From **Samuel Marcel.** 1779. March 20. Berne.

Offers his services to America as a soldier, merchant or farmer; reasons for preferring the first-named; his qualifications, experience, etc.; conditions under which he is willing to go. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIII, 207.**

From **J[am]es Leveux.** 1779. March 20. Calais.

Enclosing a list of the Americans detained at Calais as prisoners, with other details concerning them; if Franklin will send him an order for their release, will make a proper use of it; desires to know if he is to give them any money, as they are quite naked; has failed to find anyone by the name of Rousseaux, so cannot give the desired information. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 208.**

From [**Gioanni**] **De Bernardi.** 1779. March 20. Turin.

Offers his services to America in the quality of jurist, and desires Franklin's advice as to his chances of success. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Italian.) **XIII, 209.**

From **Woestyn Brothers.** 1779. March 20. Dunkirk.

Their intention to build a frigate for the destruction of France and America's common enemy; desires Franklin's permission to name the ship after him; wishes Franklin or some of his friends would take a part interest in her. Also interested in another expedition which consists in loading a merchant vessel at Marseilles for America. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 210.**

From **Nath[anie]l Appleton** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. March 20. Boston.

Note of a mistake in giving two sets of bills of exchange the same numbers. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIV, 17.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. March 20. Philadelphia.

Notifying them of the issuance of the duplicate bills authorized by the Continental Congress February 14, 1779. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 8a.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. March 20. Philadelphia.

Notification of the issuance of bills of exchange to the State of New Jersey. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In triplicate.) **LIV, 18.**

From **John Whitehurst.** 1779. March 20. London.

In consideration of Franklin's incomparable experiments in natural science, has the honor to present him with a small attempt he has made towards an Inquiry into the Original State and Formation of the Earth. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 211.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. March 21. Copenhagen.

Concerning his experiments in making models of ships in order to ascertain which kind is the swiftest; believes he has discovered a

kind of boat, a few of which will insure the utter ruin of the British navy; the necessity of adopting his plan immediately; offers to come to Paris to consult with Franklin, and only asks that his expenses be paid. Has been cruelly sacrificed to the enemies of America and has hitherto found little countenance from her friends. Trusts that the ruin of a certain family will perhaps afford him opportunities for obtaining justice. Begs for a letter to the Governor of Dominica where he owns an estate; desires to know if it is true that the French have abandoned Dominica, and if they would put it under the protection of Sweden. A. L. S. 7 p. **XIII, 212.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.**

1779. March 21. À L'Ecole Royale M[ilitai]re.

Desired by Madame la Comtesse de Forbach to send him the enclosed copy of a letter she received from the Marquis de la Fayette; delivered to her Franklin's affectionate message which she desires to see in his own handwriting, like Madame Helvetius who pretends that one only loves people when one sees them. Believes that Spain's declaration is not far distant. Has heard no details as yet of M. de Vaudreuil's expedition. Reminds Franklin of his promised answer to Prince de Gallitzin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 214.**

From **William Gardner.** 1779. March 21. Bayonne.

Born upon the Island of Nantucket; sailed from there to Bordeaux, but was taken prisoner by an English vessel; his subsequent misfortunes up to his present incarceration in a French prison; he and two other Americans desire to be released and to go on board a Continental vessel or merchant ship bound for America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 215.**

From **[Gen.] Th[oma]s Conway.** 1779. March 22.

The enclosed is from their mutual friend Mr. Richard Peters. The little tribulations he has met are of a private nature, and did not alter his principles or opinions concerning the important cause which he wished to preserve to the best of his ability. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 216.**

From **Veuve Leleu.** 1779. March 22.

Enclosing a letter for Franklin from London. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 217.**

From **James Lenox Napier.** 1779. March 22. Bayonne.

Writes on behalf of the Americans now in prison at Bayonne, whose names are subscribed to this paper, and begs Franklin to intercede with the French Government on their behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 218.**

From **Lanneau de Marey.** 1779. March 22. Paris.

Writes on behalf of his son, who desires to enter the American service; his military record, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Obliged to the young man for his good will and intentions, but cannot give him any encouragement, the armies being full. **XIII, 218½.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. March 23. The Hague.

Chevalier G[rand] a false friend to America. The present moment not favorable to M. de N[eufville]'s project of raising a loan. Accepting with thanks the addition made to his salary. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 87.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 23. Nantes.

Sent an express to Paimboeuf [on March 20] to request the gentlemen to return; only two paid the request the slightest attention; begs Franklin to send down an order naming other gentlemen. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 18.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 23. Nantes.

Efforts of Mr. Wharton to get Franklin's letter to the Memorialists answered. Ignorance of M. Beaumarchais's affair; sure M. Peltier acted only under orders. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 19.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 24. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Samuel Bradford. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 20.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. March 24. The Hague.

Discusses Mr. Lee's statement that peace in Germany would give to England 20,000 mercenaries to use against America. Debates in the Holland Assembly. Account of a visit paid him by the Chevalier G[ran]d. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 88.**

From **John S. Harmanson.**

1779. March 24. Northampton Co., Virginia.

Introducing his neighbor, George Kendall, who goes to France, unprovided with letters to Paris. If any of Franklin's friends should have occasion for a correspondent situated as he is, will do all in his power to serve them.

[A line from George Kendall, on back of manuscript, regretting that the shortness of his stay will not allow him to visit Paris.] A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 219.**

From [**Daniel Marc Antoine**] **Chardon.** 1779. March 24. Brest.

Does not merit the flattering things Franklin is pleased to say, concerning his address to the Court; voices the opinion of the Nation when he expresses admiration for America and veneration for Franklin's genius. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIII, 220.**

From **N. M. Gellée.** 1779. March 24. Passy.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to accept of his services as secretary; desires now a more particular agreement. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 221.**

By **The Lodge of Neuf Soeurs.** 1779. March 24. Paris.

Notice of assessment of members. N. S. (Printed.) 1 p. **LXXIII, 79.**

From "**The Representative**" [**Jean Paul Marat**]. 1779. March 25.

Is sorry to hear that Franklin is suffering from the gout. Hopes to receive him on Saturday at the residence of the Marquis de l'Aubespine. The Commissioners will be there at half past nine in the morning. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 30.**

From **Comte Werzery.** 1779. March 25. Florence.

He and two of his friends, officers in the service of the King of Italy, desire to become citizens of America; encloses an account, in Italian, of the conditions under which they hope to be received in the Colonies; gives Franklin permission to change anything with the exception of the article concerning religion. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XIII, 222.**

From **R[odolph] E[ric] Raspe.** 1770. March 26. London.

Introducing Messrs. Waiz d'Eshen, nephews of the minister of that name whom Franklin was acquainted with at Cassell, in Germany; their travels in Germany, Sweden, Norway and England, in order to acquire knowledge of whatever relates to mountains, mines and foundries. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 223.**

From **D'Acosta frères.** 1779. March 26. Paris.

Memoir on the subject of the contract for supplies to the State of Virginia and complaining of Mr. Arthur Lee's conduct in the matter. Mem. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LVII, 25.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. March 27. Nantes.

Acknowledging his kindness in getting his furniture exempted from duties. Enclosing a letter from the Governor of Maryland with other papers authorizing him to procure sundry articles of clothing or a sum of money to purchase the same; applies to Franklin for help in this business. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 224.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. March 27. Nantes.

Business with Messrs. Horneca, Fitzeau & Co. Returning the papers Franklin sent him, which show the great skill and ability of his calumniator. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 21.**

From **The Marquis de la Fayette.** [1779?] March 27. Paris.

Accepting invitation to dinner on Sunday for himself, the Marchioness and M. de Gouvion. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 169.**

From [**Comtesse D. B. de**] **Conway.** 1779. March 27. Paris.

Very much upset at being the innocent cause of the annoyance Franklin has experienced in the person of Mr. Mullens; on giving him the small bill of exchange she particularly told him that it was not from Congress but out of Franklin's own pocket; Mr. Mullen's subsequent conduct; has been sadly scolded by her husband. Promises to breakfast with Franklin very soon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 225.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. March 27. Bordeaux.

Arrival of Captain Jones in quest of seamen and cannon; he expressed a great desire to have the cannon at present being cast by Franklin's order; news of a quantity of cannon for sale at Ferol. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 226.**

From **Chevalier de Forstuer.** 1779. March 28. Munich.

His military experience; obliged to withdraw from the army on account of his health; devoted himself to inventing machinery of various kinds; has lately invented a new kind of ramrod for loading cannon; is willing to sell this valuable secret for a thousand louis. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIII, 227.**

From ——— **Neydecker.** 1779. March 28. Deuxponts.

Desires to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Thanking him for offer of services; army full, etc.; cannot give him any encouragement. **XIII, 228.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. March 28. Brest.

Landed the thirty-eight mutineers; is getting ready to sail for Nantes as fast as possible; has only had the most necessary repairs attended to; will await Franklin's orders at Nantes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 229.**

From ——— **Gellée [père].** 1779. March 28. Châlons.

Congratulating him on his appointment as Minister; the most important point in the choice of an Ambassador is his popularity among the people to whom he is sent; the esteem in which Franklin is held by the French people would alone insure his success. Hopes his son will prove himself worthy of Franklin's confidence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 230.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. March 28. The Hague.

The different votes in the Holland Assembly; believes they will come to no decision until forced to it by the effect of the regulations in France. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 89.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas]**. 1779. March 29. The Hague.

Sides taken by the different towns in the question before the Assembly; the final proposition of the Stadtholder defeated; resolution taken to grant convoys to everything, not expressly declared contraband by the treaties. Attitude of the towns towards the army tax. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 90.**

From **The Representative** [**Jean Paul Marat**]. 1779. March 29.

An invitation to a meeting of the Committee at the Hotel of the Marquis de l'Aubespine. The new experiments on the electrical fluid have been postponed until he is present. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 31.**

From ——— **David** [**l'ainé**]. 1779. March 29. Paris.

Looks forward to paying his respects; is the bearer of a thousand compliments from M. Montaudouin, of Nantes. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIII, 231.**

From "**The Representative**" [**Jean Paul Marat**]. 1779. March 29.

Had hoped that Franklin would attend the sittings of the Commissioners. The new experiments on electricity were planned to interest him. Trusts he will accept the invitation for to-morrow. Everything is in readiness for them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 32.**

From [**Madame**] **Devisly Gérard** [**de Rayneval**]. 1779. March 30. Versailles.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to take the necessary steps to redeem a snuff-box which she sent to M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIII, 232.**

From **D[avid] H[artley]**. 1779. March 30. London.

Has been much displeased over the delay in the exchange of prisoners; remonstrances he has made; note just received from the Admiralty announcing the sailing of the "Milford" cartel ship for France. Aware that Franklin and he are at one in their desire for peace. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 233.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 214.

From **"The Representative of the Author" [Jean Paul Marat].** 1779. March 30.

The Commissioners will hold a meeting on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Asks Franklin to say which day will be most convenient for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 130.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1779. March 30. Paris.

Repeats request for articles of war for the State of Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 26.**

From **Benjamin Bannerman.** 1779. March 31. Roanne.

Had the happiness of knowing Franklin seven years before in America; obliged to take passage for London to settle a small estate of his brother; captured on the way over and carried before the Judge of the Admiralty at Havre-de-Grace, who detained all his possessions and destroyed or lost bonds amounting to a considerable sum; has laid his case before M. de Sartine; hopes to see Franklin at Paris; begs that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to Mr. Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 234.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. March 31. Brest.

Efforts of M. [Bérube de] Costentin and Captain Landais to save expenses; difficulties on board the "Alliance"; everybody discontented except the captain; intercedes with Franklin to obtain a certain grant of clothing for the petty officers on board and a small sum of money for all the men; his reasons for making this request. Desires Franklin's orders that he may receive a passage on the ship and the necessary sea-stores. Lack of seamen on board the "Alliance"; chance of recruiting them when the American prisoners arrive in England; hopes all these men will not be given to Captain Jones. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 235.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1779. March 31.

List of articles wanted by the State of Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXI, 27.**

From **[Ferdinand Grand.** 1779. March ?]

Comparing England and America. Question of a loan for the United States. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 194.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1779. March.]

Will be at Franklin's house with M. D'Arcy on Friday morning; sorry he did not keep his promise yesterday; Mme. de Maillebois complained of his absence. Experiments with the igneous fluid postponed until he is present. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 152.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1779. March.]

Was glad to learn that he was rid of the gout and had at last gone to Versailles. Thinks he will not object now to receive a deputation from the Academy. If weather continues fine can have the experiments to-morrow with the igneous fluid. M. de Maillebois will be there and wishes to see him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 155.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1779. March.]

Hopes that his latest attack of gout is now relieved. If weather is fine to-morrow "the unknown or anonymous person" will make experiments on the fire principle ("feu principe") at the residence of the Marquis de l'Aubespine. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 168.**

From **Amos Windship.** 1779. April 1. Brest.

Concerning his expenses to and from Paris, by direction of P[ierre] Landais. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 1.**

From **Brault & Demezaudré.** 1779. April 1. Saint Malo.

Ambition to establish a house in America; anxious to obtain a passage on board the "Alliance" together with the goods necessary to their establishment; only waiting for Franklin's permission. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIV, 2.**

From **Baronne de Mahuet.** 1779. April 1. Paris.

Wishes to send a letter, by safe conveyance, to Salem, and would be delighted to hear some news of a relative of hers in America. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 3.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 1. Nantes.

Report that the cartel, with the American prisoners on board, has arrived in the river. News from Paris of the French successes in the West Indies and the American successes in Georgia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 22.**

From **Antony Francis Salucci & Son.** 1779. April 2. Leghorn.

Desire the earliest news of the expedition they sent to America. Enclose important letter to be sent to America in Franklin's next packet. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 4.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. April 2. London.

His continued hopes for peace and his willingness to devote his time and attention to that end. Fears that Europe may be plunged into a general war; America might think the assistance of France dearly bought at such a price. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 5.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1779. April 2. Paris.

Complaint of D'Acosta & Co. that the arms, ordered for the State of Virginia by himself and his brother, were refused because they were not furnished at the time agreed upon; reasons for their action. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 6.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. April 3. The Hague.

Understands that Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] has presented a memoir from the English Court, declaring that, in spite of the convoys, England will seize all vessels laden with timber. Thinks M. de N[eufville] will succeed in his project if given the requisite time; the considerable loan raised by the Empress likely to retard the affair. His opinion of Mr. [William] Lee's presence in Teschen. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 91.**

From **W[illia]m Vernon.** 1779. April 3. Boston.

Duplicate of XLV, 204c. Incloses a letter from Governor Greene; visited his seat at Warwick where he had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Mecom. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 204d.**

From **D'Acosta frères.** 1779. April 3. Paris.

Concerning the arms furnished by them on Mr. Lee's order which he refused to receive. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 7.**

From **Law[ren]ce Boyd.** 1779. April 3. Brest Road.

Concerning five English prisoners on board the "Patience" brig, who, hearing of the cartel for the Americans being settled, have applied to him for a passage to England; begs Franklin to take their case into consideration and grant their discharge. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 8.**

From **Louis Tardy.** 1779. April 4. Paris.

Desires the address in town of the purser of the ship "Alliance." L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIV, 9.**

From **James Longwell.** 1779. April 4. Calais Prison.

Begs Franklin to procure the release of himself and two other Americans in prison, at Calais; details his misfortunes since leaving America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 10.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 4. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Wilkinson, the ingenious director and projector of a very fine foundry on the Loire; Dr. Priestley's wife is a sister of Mr. Wilkinson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 23.**

From **Mary Richardson.** 1779. April 5. Plymouth.

Is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Anthony Richardson, merchant, who was drowned or murdered in New York. Came over to England with her blind mother who wishes to consult a famous oculist; their vessel shipwrecked and all their belongings lost. Anxious to return to America and begs Franklin's assistance. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 12.**

From **"Philantropos."** 1779. April 5. St. Omer.

Fears that France may be compelled to withdraw from her alliance with America because of the advantages England has gained over her, and then England's great armaments would be wholly directed against America and greatly distress her. Outlines a general plan of war which should be adopted by France, in case Spain joins her against Great Britain; what France should do if Spain does not join her. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 33.**

From **[Edme Jacques] Genet.** [*Circa* 1779.] April 5. Versailles.

Sending Franklin the paper containing the letter to the King. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 24.**

From **[Pierre Jean Georges] Cabanis.**

[*Circa* 1779.] April 6. Auteuil.

Returning Franklin the corrected proof. Constantly thinking of him at Auteuil; remembrances from the Lady of Auteuil [Madame Helvetius] and the Abbé de la Roche. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 25.**

From **I. Wanklyn.** 1779. April 6. Paris.

Is a dissenting minister, a native of America; persecution he underwent in England for defending the American cause from the pulpit; his imprisonment on board an English frigate and his subsequent escape; his arrival in Paris in a destitute condition. Desires Franklin's assistance to enable him to go to America, where he wishes to serve his country either in the pulpit or army. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 13.**

From **David Wilkin.** 1779. April 6. La Rochelle.

Desires to be released from his imprisonment and enabled to return to Philadelphia where he has a wife and family; Thomas Campbell, also a Philadelphian, desires his freedom. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 14.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. April 6. Brest.

Would rather have all Americans in his crew than a part French, as that mixture always causes trouble. Has landed all the mutineers. Concerning the arrival of the cartel vessel at Nantes with ninety-seven Americans; his orders to take with him, for exchange, ninety-three prisoners out of the guard-ship; danger of carrying so many, even in irons. Asks Franklin's advice in the case of a deserter from his ship, who has enlisted in Colonel Dillon's regiment and is at present on board a man-of-war, where they refuse to give him up. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 15.**

From **Tho[ma]s Potter.** 1779. April 7. Havre-de-Grace.

Applies as an American for his release from prison, that he may be enabled once more to serve his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 16.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 7. Nantes.

Arrival in the "Flagg" of ninety-five American prisoners, twelve of whom are officers; proposals made them by the agent; given only 20 sols per day for board; begs for better treatment for the officers; if a subscription is opened for the subsistence of prisoners, will give 20 louis; enclosing a list of men who have engaged in the British service and a list of those who remain in prison; hopes Franklin will not be offended at his taking the part of the prisoners. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 24.**

From **James Longwell.** 1779. April 7. Calais Prison.

Has received no answer to his former letters; repeats all he said in XIV, 10. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 17.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1779.] April 7.

Sends a rough draft of a letter to the Keeper of the Seals. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 220.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** [*Circa* 1779.] April 8.

The meeting is for the following day. If Franklin can attend he will go also. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 199.**

From ——— **Amelot.** 1779. April 8. Versailles.

Has just heard that Franklin expects to read a paper at the Academy of Sciences on the 14th inst.; expects the other members, who have papers for that meeting, to dine with him on the 12th and read their memoirs in presence of the officers of the Academy; begs the honor of Franklin's company. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 18.**

From **Gérard d'Auzéville.** 1779. April 9.

Desires to buy a few acres in America and devote himself to agriculture; applies to Franklin for the advance of a sufficient sum to do this. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 19.**

From ——— **Boule.** 1779. April 9. Passy.

His present state of destitution; is almost driven insane; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIV, 20.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1779. April 9. London.

Concerning the edition of Franklin's writings; the liberties he has allowed himself as editor; his reasons for making certain alterations. Heard from Mr. Galloway that "the rebels" had destroyed some of his and of Franklin's papers; awaits further details. Has taken up Franklin's paper on the *Vis inertiæ* to comment upon it. A. L. 4 p. **XIV, 21.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1779. April 9. London.

Will bring or send Franklin the copper pot for roasting chickens in, which he bought at Sheffield. Dr. Priestley's new volume on air will contain a letter written by himself on the method of producing, at pleasure, any quantity of inflammable air. Good time to send a ship to discover the North Pole; thinks it probable, owing to the mildness of the weather during the preceding year, that the seas will be free from ice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 22.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. April 9. Paris.

Recalls to Franklin's memory, the experiments in physics and chemistry performed by M. Brongniart; desires to procure for him the place of demonstrator of chemistry at the Jardin du Roy, vacant by the death of M. [Hilaire Marin] Rouelle; desires Franklin's influence with M. de Buffon, in whose power lies the choice. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 23.**

From [**Oliver**] **Pollock.** 1779. April 10. New Orleans.

Concerning various bills of exchange which he has drawn for the use of the United States to execute the orders he received from Congress, and which he hopes will be duly honored by Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) **XIV, 24.**

From **Richard B**[**ennett**] **Lloyd.** 1779. April 10. London.

Desires advice on the wisdom of embarking for New York with his wife and children, and then passing to his estate in Maryland. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 25.**

From **Robert Gover.** 1779. April 10. Saint Valery-sur-Somme.

Is a native of Baltimore, Md.; was shipwrecked on the coast of France, and made prisoner; desires to enter the service of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 26.**

From **J**[**esse**] **T**[**aylor**]. 1779. April 10. Belfast.

A considerable number are resolved on the expedition, mentioned in his last of November 21st, including besides himself and family, various gentlemen of consideration; their influence, when settled in America, will induce hundreds of their countrymen to follow, who

will be glad to leave a kingdom in which they labor under insult and oppression. Eager for Franklin to procure and forward the security so anxiously solicited; extreme secrecy to be observed prevents their sending the required descriptive list. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 27.**

From **Philip Wag[e]ner.** 1779. April 10. Rotterdam.

Is impecunious and in a strange country. Asks money to go to America, there being an American ship in port. Promises to refund loan on arrival in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (See LIX, 3.) **LIX, 7.**

From **Ja[me]s Hutton.** 1779. April 11.

Sends for that promised protection for the "Good Intent," Captain Francis Mugford, which goes to and from Labrador to the Moravian Mission Settlements for the conversion of the heathen. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 28.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1779. April 12. À l'Ecole Royale, Paris.

Madame la Comtesse de Forbach sends the enclosed letter to Franklin and begs him to read the memoir in favor of M. le Baron de Ried, and send a short reply that she may prove her commission accomplished. (In French.) **XIV, 29.**

From **The Representative [Jean Paul Marat].** 1779. April 12.

Requesting Dr. Franklin's presence at the meeting of the Committee and that he give his opinion of certain discoveries which would influence public opinion, and his sanction would silence a hostile cabal. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 34.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 286).

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. April 13. Copenhagen.

Has been ill many days. Had an audience with the King of Sweden, à propos of the advisability of Sweden getting possession of Porto Rico or some island in the West Indies, for purposes of trade, etc.; is everywhere taken to be in the employ of Congress; has neither abused the character nor assumed it. Desires letters to the Governor of Dominica whither he expects to go to secure an estate he owns there. Begs Franklin to mention him once more to Congress. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 30.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. April 13. Nantes.

Glad that he approves of clothing the petty officers and will do his best to justify the confidence placed in him. The lack of obedience and discipline on board must cause delays of all kinds. Much pleased at Franklin's flattering reception at Court; hopes that Spain, as well as France, will soon declare in favor of the same generous cause. England's fondnesss for war, and obstinacy in carrying it on. Master Johnny acts as interpreter, companion, secretary and domestic to his papa. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 31.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. April 13. Nantes.

The reason for the discontent on board seems to be the depreciation of paper pay and the nationality of the captain (Landais). Has promised the officers and men as much money as, with their clothes, will make two months' pay; without this indulgence, is convinced the ship would never get to sea. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 32.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 13. Nantes.

His difficulties in procuring a trial. His opinion of falling in love and marriage; sees more reasons in favor of matrimony than he used to in the past. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 25.**

From **[Sir] James Jay** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. April 14. Paris.

Asks for reason for his exclusion from taking passage on the vessel with M. Gérard and Mr. Deane. A. L. S. 3 p.

A. E. by Franklin. "Being sure that there has been no intention nor inclination to offend Sir James Jay, and not being conscious of having done or said anything that ought to give him offense, his note is perfectly unintelligible to the gentlemen it is directed to."

LXI, 57 and 58.

From **James Hutton.** 1779. April 14.

Thanking him for the kind paper of protection for their vessel; has sent it to England to his brethren; hopes for the same kind of passport from M. de Sartine. Difficulties attending the release of Captain Mugford, the mate and two sailors, which must be accomplished before they can sail. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 33.**

From **Daniel Duchemin.** 1779. April 14. London.

Was first-lieutenant in Colonel Armand's troop in the service of America; was made prisoner in Philadelphia two days before the entry of the English; through friends, obtained a passage to England, which country he is unable to leave, owing to lack of funds; desires Franklin's assistance. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 34.**

From **James Hutton.** 1779. April 14.

Concerning the exchange of four prisoners, in whom he is very much interested. Desires the passport as soon as it can be procured from the French. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 34½.**

From [**James**] **Hutton.** 1779. April 15.

Obtained, from M. de Sartine, the desired passport. Proud of the praise given to Franklin's paper on the Aurora Borealis, read before the Academy of Sciences. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 35.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 325).

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. April 16. The Hague.

Sending him Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memoir mentioned in his letter of the 13th. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 92.**

From **J. Pierel.** 1779. April 16. Roscoff.

Announcing the arrival of an English prize in their port, taken by Captain Nathaniel West, of the "Black Prince," from Salem, N. H.; the sale will take place at once. Will continue to aid American captains to the best of his abilities. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 37.**

From **John Connor.** 1779. April 16. Dinan Castle.

On his way to Bordeaux, in an American merchantman, was taken prisoner by an English sloop-of-war and carried to England; on his release, being destitute, was obliged to enlist on board an English privateer, which was later captured by the French; ever since that time has been confined in the above prison; begs Franklin to procure his release that he may return to his wife and children in Norfolk, Va. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 38.**

From **Woestyn Brothers.** 1779. April 16. Dunkerque.

Extremely anxious that Franklin should permit them to name their frigate after him; the influence such a name would have in promoting their enterprise, in which they would consider themselves only too fortunate, should Franklin take an interest. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 39.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779 [?]. April 17. Paris.

Recommends the enclosed letter to Franklin's care, written by a devoted mother, a friend of Mlle. Basseport, to her son in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 40.**

From ——— ———. 1779. April 17.

Regarding the capture of indigo by Captain Davison, who held no commission from Congress, from a ship commanded by Captain Noble, from New York for London, and carried into a Swedish port. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 35.**

From **Jno. Emery.** 1779. April 17. Bilbao.

Concerning the cutter, "Saucy Jack," Captain Sargent Ingersoll, which was taken too nigh the shore to be a legal prize; the cutter belongs to himself and Nat[haniel] Tracy, of Newburyport; begs Franklin to mention the affair to Count d'Aranda on the chance that she may be recovered. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 41.**

From **Will[iam] MacCreery.** 1779. April 17. Bordeaux.

Answers Franklin's inquiries concerning the duties on the exportation of salt from the ports of France. Expects to sail in the Buckskin about the 10th of May, if Franklin has any letters or despatches he desires to send. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 42.**

From ——— **D'amchaga.** 1779. April 17. Paris.

Making an appointment to see Franklin the next day; hopes to see him Monday at M. Amelot's dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 43.**

From ——— **Lavalette.** 1779. April 17.

Desires to serve in the American army; his parents' former opposition, for the present removed; will send Franklin the necessary certificates of his services in the French army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Thanks! The American army is full. **XIV, 44.**

From **Joseph Gardoqui and Sons.** 1779. April 17. Bilbao.

Forwards the enclosed letter and asks Franklin's kind assistance to help recover Mr. Emery's interest. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 45.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. April 17. Bordeaux.

Enclosing a list of the mercantile operations wherein he has embarked; the disagreeable situation he finds himself in, owing to the general discredit caused by the failure of many houses, particularly those connected with America. In order to provide against a possible storm, applies to Franklin for credit, if it can be done without prejudice to his Ministry; goes into details. A. L. S. 5 p. **XIV, 46.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. April 19. The Hague.

The French Ambassador angry at not receiving his confidence in the affair between Messrs. St[urle]r, de N[eufville] and himself; has not shown him Franklin's last four letters; his accusations against Mr. Sturler; desires Franklin's advice in the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 93.**

From **John Steward,** *et al.* 1779. April 19. St. Malo.

Four American seamen in prison appeal for their release and to be allowed to serve under Captain Jones or on the "Reliance" ["Alliance"]. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 20.**

From **P**[**ierre**] **Landais.** 1779. April 19. Nantes.

Giving an account of his proceedings since leaving Brest on the 11th; is waiting to deliver his ninety-three English prisoners to the English cartel ship, according to Mr. Schweighauser's orders. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 47.**

From **Félicie Françoise Francalanza.** 1779. April 20. Lisbon.

Reasons for believing that she is a relative of Franklin; narrates her family history; obliged to practice the strictest economy, since the loss of her fortune; begs Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 48.**

From **Becker & Saltzmann.** 1779. April 20. Berlin.

Have about four thousand uniforms left, after supplying the German soldiers; offers these to Franklin for the Americans at a greatly reduced rate. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 49.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 20. Nantes.

Question of shipping Mr. Watson's boxes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 26.**

From **Stephen Hooper** *et al.* 1779. April 20. Newburyport, Mass.

Deposition concerning the brigantine, "Fair Play." D. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **LXI, 38.**

From **Andrew Giddings and Samuel McClintock, Jr.**
1779. April 20. Newburyport. Mass.

Depositions of Captain and Second Lieutenant of the "Fair Play," concerning the loss of that vessel. D. S. 6 p. **LXI, 36 and 37.**

From **Lt.-Col. [Antoine Félix] Wuibert** *et al.*
1779, April 20, to July 6, 1783. Passy.

Receipts for money advanced by Benjamin Franklin to enable the subscribers to return to America. Mem. S. 24 p. **LXIV, 60–75, 77, 78.**

From **Becker & Saltzmann.** 1779. April 20. Berlin.

Repetition of the offer made in XIV, 49, together with copies of their letters of the 23d and 30th of July upon the same subject. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French and German.) **XIV, 50.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. April 20. London.

Hopes Franklin has heard of his prisoners ere this. Peace still the object which constantly possesses his thoughts; is waiting his opportunity to act. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 51.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1779. April 21. Paris.

Requesting the pass for Captain [John] Joyner, himself, and his servants, that they may pursue their journey to Holland, by way of Flanders. Begs Franklin to second his application to M. de Sartine, on the subject of the three frigates to be bought or built for South Carolina. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 52.**

From **Abbé Rozier.** 1779. April 21. Paris.

Requesting Franklin's paper on the Aurora Borealis, that he may print it in "Le Journal de Physique." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 52½.**

From **[Chrétien Guillaume de Lamoignon] de Malesherbes.** 1779. April 22. Paris.

Requesting Franklin and his grandson's company at dinner; Chevalier de la Luzerne to be one of the guests. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 53.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. April 22. Nantes.

Has had two interviews with M. D'Acosta on the subject of the goods prepared, under a contract with Mr. A. Lee, for the State of Virginia, and has found that he has shipped all but the muskets to America on his own account; does not think him competent to the undertaking. Must trouble Franklin again to obtain the loan for the State of Maryland; money more advantageous than goods. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 54.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. April 22. London.

Sends Franklin a copy of an intended bill, by a friend of his some years ago; showed him a copy of it the year before at Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 55.**

From **John Q[uincy] Adams.** 1779. April 22. (On board "The Alliance.")

Just arrived from Nantes; once more aboard ship and hopes soon to sail for America; cannot write more as the boat is just going. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 56.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1779. April 23. Paris.

Uncertain what date Franklin invited him to dine; significance he attaches to the arrival of M. Porvilliers at Paris; probably despatches received from Spain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 57.**

From ——— **Bellescizes.** 1779. April 23. Paris.

Transcribes a short poem he has written in Franklin's praise; the enthusiasm with which Franklin inspired him, he finds compensation enough for the incidental loss of sleep. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 58.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. April 23. L'Orient.

Arrival of the schooner, "Betsey," from Virginia; brings news that both armies are in winter quarters, that the British had made no material advances in Georgia, that Generals Moultrie and Lincoln were marching with a sufficient reinforcement to recover that province, and that the crew of the "Rattlesnake" were prisoners in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 59.**

From [**Lieut.-Gen.**] **Gratien.** 1779. April 23. Morlaix.

Concerning the Swedish vessel, "La Victoria," detained at Morlaix, as well as the prize, "Du Papillon," taken by "La Marquise de la Fayette." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 60.**

From **H. Sykes.** 1779. April 24. Paris.

Reasons why he did not send Franklin's spectacles sooner. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 61.**

From **C. L. Brust.** 1779. April 24. Bordeaux.

Refusal on the part of the insurance people to pay for cargoes which have been lost, owing to the uncertain valuation of American and French money; encloses a table of comparative money rates, and begs Franklin to certify if it is correct. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIV, 62.**

From **Peter Hasenclever.** 1779. April 24. Berlin.

Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to Messrs. Hasenclever, R. H. Lee and Alex. Gillon. Dined the day before with the American Colonel, Baron d'Arendt, at the house of the Minister of Finance, Baron de Goerne; the former's interest in opening a branch of commerce between America and Germany; judged his proposals impracticable; reasons why such undertakings are impossible until after the establishment of peace. Concerning an interview he had with Mr. Sayre two years before; that gentleman's ignorance of the affairs he proposed. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 63.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. April 24. Bordeaux.

Concerning the contract for cannon made with Spain. Possibility of effecting an exchange of the prisoners, carried into Spanish ports by American privateers. Report of a French fleet from Martinique being attacked near the coast, by two English men-of-war; a shocking account is feared. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 64.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. April 25. Nantes.

Introducing Mrs. Richards who, with her children, is *en route* to Nantes to join her husband; accompanying Mrs. Richards is his (Williams') natural son, for whom he has the tenderest affection; desires Franklin to give the lad his blessing; is truly repentant of his errors in the past. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 27.**

From **Jos[eph] Bailey and W[illia]m Gardner.** 1779. April 25. Bayonne Castle.

Appeal by two American prisoners for relief. A. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 4.**

From ——— **Bellescizes.** 1779. April 25. Military School.

Glad of the opportunity of being noticed by Franklin; hopes some day to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 65.**

From **Woestyn frères.** 1779. April 25. Dunkirk.

If he cannot take an interest in their vessel as well as allow it to be named after him, they will forego the former honor in order to obtain the latter. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 66.**

From ——— **Marché.** 1779. April 27. Paris.

Has invented several machines for lessening labor in agriculture; describes them in detail; hopes they will be acceptable to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 67.**

From ——— ———. 1779. April 27. Paris.

Requesting him to forward letters to Boston. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 106.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1779. April 27. Paris.

Cannot express his appreciation of the honor Franklin has done him; their kind old friend [Comtesse de Forbach] sends Franklin many messages; she will dine with him the following Wednesday as well as the excellent MacMahon. Does not think Spain's declaration can be further delayed. Their young friend (Bellescizes) still occupied with Franklin and America; encloses his last letter; he has only studied English for fifteen months [see XIV, 65]. Has Franklin read the Chevalier Yorke's Memorial to the States-General? A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 68.**

From **Sam[uel] W. Stockton.** 1779. April 28. The Hague.

Reasons for believing that Spain will soon declare herself in favor of America; wishes to put in a claim to Franklin's attention, when any important despatches have to be forwarded to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 69.**

From **The Marquis de la Fayette.** 1779. April 28. Paris.

Inviting Mr. Franklin to dine at his house, Rue de Bourbon. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 167.**

From ——— **Carmichael.** 1779. April 29. Au Pellerin, near Nantes.

Heard from Mr. [Musco] Livingston that Franklin was building a vessel; has some good second-hand rigging, which he will dispose of cheap. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 70.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. April 29. Nantes.

Forwarding Franklin some American papers, received that day from Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 71.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. April 29. Nantes.

Disappointed at the delay in sailing; regards as compensation the honor of travelling with the new Ambassador [Chevalier de la Luzerne]; doubtful when they will land in America; news from that country; it is said that Mr. Deane has asked leave of absence; the affair of Elizabethtown, in which the English were repulsed and lost all their cattle and horses. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 72.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. April 29. The Hague.

Rain of pamphlets caused by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s last memoir. Series of papers published secretly, attacking the Stadtholder. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 94.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. April 30. The Hague.

Amsterdam's attitude as regards the Edict of France; M. Van Berkel applied to by the Pensionnaire of Rotterdam, to use his good offices with France on their behalf; his refusal. Deplores the constant circulation by her enemies of ill tidings from America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 95.**

From **Christian von Francken.** 1779. April 30. Hildesheim.

Served twenty-four years in Hannoverian army. Seeks position in American army. Encloses copies of high testimonials. A. L. S. 7 p. **LIX, 39.**

From **B[enjamin] V[aughan].** 1779. April 30. London.

Concerning certain details connected with his position as editor of Franklin's works. Affairs in England; believes that Lord Sandwich will soon be out of the Admiralty; want of harmony in the fleet at Portsmouth; the general opinion seems to be that the present Ministry are a careless, divided and insufficient set of people; thinks General B[urgoyne] cut an imbecile figure the night before. Respect for Franklin grows daily; Lord North's remarks that he is the only man in Paris whose hands are pure from stock-jobbing. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 74.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. May 1. Nantes.

Will do his utmost to fulfil Franklin's orders; has already recruited forty-three men among the American prisoners; desires his further orders to be sent to Port l'Orient. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 75.**

From **Robert Gover.** 1779. May 1. Saint Valery.

Writes again to Franklin to beg for his discharge, that he may enter into the service of Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 76.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. May 1. Nantes.

Explaining the meaning of the word "connection," as used in his letter to Mr. Deane; twisted by the newspapers to mean commercial connections. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 28.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. May 1. L'Orient.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the same date, whose contents "would make a coward brave"; enthusiasm with which he will welcome an opportunity of rendering some acceptable service to the common cause; returns thanks to Franklin for his delicate friendship, favor and affection; encloses the memoir of a young gentleman whom he should be glad to take with him; can find no one so proper to discipline the volunteer soldiers he has enlisted. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 77.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. May 2. L'Orient.

Has the honor to remit Capt. Jones's answer; begs him to send the enclosed despatch to the Marquis de la Fayette, by some one, ignorant of its source. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 78.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. May 2. L'Orient.

Is so indisposed as to be obliged to write in bed. Pleads for the unfortunate men who were made prisoners when the gallant Montgomery fell in his attack on Quebec; by an application to Court, thinks their release might be obtained; encloses their appeal. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 79.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. May 2. Paris.

Is informed that the "Alliance" is manned and ready to sail, also that the French convoy will have to leave the American fleet before they reach the coast; danger of leaving the fleet unprotected, which, among other things, carries all the supplies necessary to Virginia's defense, articles, which, if lost, cannot be replaced; urges the advisability of ordering the "Alliance" to accompany the fleet all the way across. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 80.**

From **Nicholas Davis.** 1779. May 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning the capture of the vessel, "La Seine," with all his goods on board, by an English man-of-war; had she got safe into Boston, he would have avoided many distresses and reaped some glory and reward; his movements since this unfortunate capture; desires to get to France and go out as Captain of Marines on board some French or American privateer; hopes thus to pay his debt to Congress; begs Franklin's aid. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 81.**

From **James Conner.** 1779. May 3. Saumur.

Born in Germantown, near Philadelphia; anxious to get back to his wife and children; gives an account of his voyages and misfortunes since leaving America; wrote to Captain Jones six weeks ago, but has received no answer; begs Franklin to obtain his discharge and procure him an opportunity of returning to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 82.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. May 3. The Hague.

Resolution of April 26th taken by the States-General of Holland in order to protect their commerce; absolute secrecy with which the affair was handled; all their friends delighted. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 96.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1779. May 4. Paris.

Colonel Hope only waiting for the despatches to set out for Holland; Franklin could not possibly trust them to safer hands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 83.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. May 4. Bordeaux.

Arrival of one of the ships he expected from Virginia; her encounter with an English privateer. The seas covered with British cruisers; the Messrs. Andrew and James Caldwell have lost a new brig laden with tobacco. Various reports of the Spanish armament. News of incoming and outgoing vessels. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 84.**

From **William Gordon.** 1779. May 5. Jamaica Plain.

The death of Dr. [John] Winthrop. Capture by the Americans of a number of vessels going to Georgia with provisions; scarcity of provisions in Rhode Island. Letters from Philadelphia say that Mr. [torn out (Deane?)] is now down, and the Lees are more exalted than ever. Appeals to Franklin to forward the enclosed important papers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 85.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. May 6. Paris.

Still full of concern for the fleet at Brest, if it is to be left unprotected during any part of the voyage; important despatches and supplies which they carry for the State of Virginia; urges again the advisability of ordering the "Alliance" to convoy the fleet to America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 86.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. May 6. Nantes.

Reasons why his proposed voyage to America remains so uncertain; if his accounts are not passed by the Committee, thinks he ought to return to America and confound his enemies; if the decision is favorable, must look to increasing his business; money lost on American commissions; steps he might have taken to obtain public employ; high terms in which Mr. Adams once spoke of him for a consulship. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 29.**

From ——— **Hersaut.** 1779. May 7. Paris.

Desires to serve on board a corsair, frigate or vessel, and begs Franklin's protection and recommendation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 87.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. May 7. Philadelphia.

Notification of the issuance of bills of exchange to the State of New York. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In quadruplicate.) **LIV, 27.**

From **J[oseph] Priestley.** 1779. May 8. London.

Introducing a Roman Catholic priest, an antagonist of his in metaphysics, but a man of very liberal disposition; he will deliver Franklin the writer's "Treatise on Education" and his "Correspondence with Dr. Price"; later will send by Mr. Magellan a copy of his new philosophical work. Desires to know if a pamphlet on the doctrine of necessity, printed about 1729, and dedicated to *Truth* is written by Franklin. Fears there is no prospect of peace and therefore none of seeing him in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 88.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. May 8. On board the "Alliance."

Is about to sail for Port Louis; has thirteen passengers besides the Hon. John Adams, his son and servant. Has received a letter from M. Le Ray De Chaumont with orders to take six months victuals on board; where is he to put them, if he has no room? A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 89.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. May 8. Bordeaux.

Arrival of the "General Mercer," laden with tobacco, has relieved his financial embarrassment. Several skirmishes in America, in which the

enemy suffered considerably. Concerning the fleet at Brest, and the escort under M. La Motte Picquet. Navigation greatly obstructed by the number of small armed vessels fitted out at New York. Low value of Continental money; capital required to send a vessel from America to Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 90.**

From **The Misses Waitz.** 1779. May 8.

Regret that they are unable to accept his invitation owing to an indisposition of one of them. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 90.**

From **[Barbeu] Dubourg.** 1779. May 8. Paris.

Count Falkenstein expected to be present the next day at the meeting of the Society of Emulation, for the Encouragement of the Arts; if Franklin desires, he can assist, unknown; arranges where to meet him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 91.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. May 10. L'Orient.

Captain Jones expects to set sail the 15th or 20th; is at present waiting for the "Alliance" which has been delayed by contrary winds. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 92.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. May 10. London.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; suggestion made by Mr. Bell, one of the Commissioners; concerning the prisoners' money in his possession. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 93.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. May 10. The Hague.

Information concerning M. St[urler]; reasons why it would seem advisable to replace the Chevalier G[ran]d by M. de N[eufville]; recommends him to talk over it with M. Baudouin; reasons why he prefers not to show the Grand Facteur Franklin's last letters. His proposed visit to Franklin. Encloses abstract of the Resolution of April 26th, taken by the States General of Holland. [3 p.] A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 97.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. May 11–14. The Hague.

Address presented to the Admiralty by the merchants of Amsterdam, urging the granting of convoys in conformity with the Resolution of

April 26th; disturbance caused by the unsatisfactory reply received. Extract of Amsterdam letter showing the injury done American credit by certain bills of exchange being protested. Promises to be on his guard with Nicholas Davis; has warned de N[eufville]. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 98.**

From **Francky[?] Frères.** 1779. May 11. Strasbourg.

Have forwarded to Franklin the packets received from Messrs. Becker & Saltzmann, of Berlin. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 94.**

From **Comte [Sutton] de Clonard.** 1779. May 11. Paris.

Requesting him to grant to Mr. Stephen Marchant, of Boston, an American commission to command the cutter of sixteen guns, of which he spoke; expects this vessel to do considerable execution. Begs Franklin to procure the exchange of Thomas Wilkinson, formerly pilot for the Irish Channel. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 95.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. May 11. Nantes.

Sent Franklin some American newspapers, which he trusts came safely to hand. Nothing can be done about the duties on his furniture unless the Director-General will send an order for their acquittal. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 96.**

From **——— de Labussière.** 1779. May 11. Paris.

Called to pay his respects to Dr. Franklin on his return from London, where he received many courtesies from Miss Shipley. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 128b.**

From **Woestyn frères.** 1779. May 11. Dunkirk.

Beg Franklin, by a single word of response, to gratify their strong desire to name their vessel after him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 97.**

From **Isaiah Robinson.** 1779. May 11. Bordeaux.

Was on his way to Paris with his friend, the Chevalier de Crenis, who is entrusted with letters for Franklin, but has been detained by an indisposition. Begs for information and advice concerning a certain sum of prize-money he believes is due him. The ship he arrived in, the "General Mercer," being about to return in a few weeks, offers to take charge of any despatches Franklin may care to send. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 98.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1779. May 11.

Appreciates his philosophy of life but cannot attain to it; analyzes her own character; deeply wounded at present by ingratitude; begs him to cure her or pity her; reminds him of his promise to drink tea with her the following day. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 2.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, October, 1906, 34.

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1779. May 11. Geneva.

Acknowledging the permit, received through Franklin's recommendation, which allowed himself and his sons to remain at Marseilles; is now on his way back to Ireland; begs for a protection signed by His Majesty and Franklin, in case the packet should meet with an American or French man-of-war; is determined, if he lives, to settle part of his family in the Jerseys or Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 100.**

From **William Vernon, Jr.** 1779. May 12. Bordeaux.

Embarked for France in February, 1778, for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the language and commerce of that country; desires to enter a counting-house for a year or so; begs Franklin for letters of recommendation as well as one from M. Grand, in order that he may obtain the desired position. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 101.**

From **The Delegates from Massachusetts Bay, in The Continental Congress.** 1779. May 12. Philadelphia.

Announcing the loss of the American brigantine "Fair Play," by the discharge of the cannon of a two gun battery near Port Louis in Guadeloupe; question of compensation for her owner. A. L. S. S[amuel] Adams, E[lbridge] Gerry, James Lovell, S[amuel] Holton. 2 p. (In triplicate.) **XIV, 102.**

From **S[amuel] Adams, E[lbridge] Gerry, James Lovell, and S[amuel] Holton.** 1779. May 12. Philadelphia.

Recommending that Tristam Dalton receive indemnification from France for the loss of his brigantine "Fair Play" at Guadeloupe. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 34.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. May 12. L'Orient.

According to instructions received upon his arrival at L'Orient, has put himself under Capt. Jones's orders. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 104.**

From **Tristram Dalton.** 1779. May 13. Philadelphia.

Concerning indemnity for loss of the "Fair Play" and allowances for relief of families of seamen lost. A. L. S. 3 p. (Accompanying 36 to 40.) **LXI, 35.**

From **John Browne.** 1779. May 13. L'Orient.

Recounts his adventures since he shipped as first lieutenant on the ship "Boston," Capt. McNeill; at Capt. Jones's request, accepted the position of lieutenant on board the "Poor Richard"; on Capt. Jones's return from Paris, he reported that Franklin had never heard of him; endeavors to establish his identity. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 105.**

From **Tristram Dalton.** 1779. May 13. Philadelphia.

Enclosing sundry papers relative to the loss of the brigantine "Fair Play," which was fired upon by a small battery on the island of Guadeloupe; means of obtaining indemnification for the said vessel; its valuation; beseeches Franklin's attention on behalf of the families of the eighteen men who perished in the accident. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XIV, 106.**

From [**John Hyacinth de**] **Magellan.** 1779. May 13. London.

At the author's request, sends him the latest philosophical work of Dr. Priestley. Concerning Miller's Botanical Collection, a work which has been carried into execution by Dr. Fothergill, who desired that, through Franklin, it might be forwarded to the Philosophical Society at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 108.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. May 14. L'Orient.

Thinks Franklin ought to see the French and American fleet riding at anchor and give them his benediction before they sail; judges they need it from the disputes prevailing among the officers on board the "Alliance" and "Bon Homme Richard"; discusses the chance of finding parallels for such behavior in ancient history; thinks that veneration for Franklin is the chief reason of France's devotion to America; is tired enough of trying to reconcile these Americans and supply their numerous wants. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 109.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. May 14. L'Orient.

Arrival of the "Alliance," "Sensible" and "Pallas"; impossible to say when the little armament will be ready to sail; suggestions as to the best time for the Marquis [de la Fayette] to leave Paris. Asks Franklin's advice concerning the bestowal of American commissions on the Captains of various vessels, and the best manner of wording them. Misunderstandings among the officers on board the "Alliance"; hears that the first lieutenant threatens to leave the ship; this will mean a breach of discipline, but little loss to the service; recommends that a sufficient number of officers be properly authorized to hold courts-martial, simply as a means to "keep little minds in proper awe." A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 110.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. May 14. L'Orient.

Trusts that the Chevalier de la Luzerne is aware of the value of every moment in expediting their voyage to America; thinks the chances of getting safe into port are ten times greater at Boston than Philadelphia; concerning the transportation of the Chevalier's baggage; sends his regards to various ladies, for whose characters he has a great respect. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 112.**

From **[Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1779?] May 14. Paris.

Sends a note on the military services of M[ajor] Pierre F[rancois de] Boy, of Marseilles, who wishes to re-enter the service of the United States. Hopes soon to return to Passy and be Franklin's neighbor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 40.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. May 15. L'Orient.

All his officers have conspired against him; would rather give up his command than endure longer such a condition of affairs; his first lieutenant desires to leave the ship; told him he could not without Franklin's order. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 111.**

From **Colonel [J. G.] Diriks.** [1779.] May 15. Paris.

Desiring to send some letters to Boston by the first opportunity. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 5.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. May 15. Nantes.

Sending Franklin a Congress commission and warrant which he may want for Capt. Jones. Report of a Spanish fleet bound for Brest. General [Nathanael] Greene's goods ready to place on board the "Three Friends," under convoy of the "Alliance"; wishes to know if Capt. Jones and the "Alliance" go together. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 30.**

From **[Maximilen Henri,] Marquis de Saint Simon.** 1779. May 15. Utrecht.

Le Comte de Sarsfield gave him reason to hope that Franklin would examine the notes which he left with him, and which are such an important factor in his proposed work. Prophesies the outcome of the war in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 113.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779. May 15. Paris.

Has sent a parcel of papers about Vandalia, of which it may be proper Franklin should have a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 114.**

From **Baron de Arendt.** 1779. May 16. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

The results of his observations at the German Court and his frequent conferences with the Minister; does not think the Court will declare the independence of America, or sign a treaty of commerce, or send vessels to America; their disposition, however, very favorable; their willingness to open their ports to American vessels; his ability to push the matter, if he had been furnished with proper authority; desires to know if he is to come to Paris or to await the return of Mr. Lee; if he cannot be of use in Europe, will return to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 115.**

From ——— **Boyer.** 1779. May 16. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to seal the enclosed letter and forward it in his next packet. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 116**

From ——— **DuMont.** 1779. May 16. Paris.

Enclosing tickets for the meeting of the Society of Emulation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 117.**

From **B[enjamin] Duffield.** 1779. May 16. Bordeaux.

Aware that he has disgraced Franklin's introduction. Expressing great penitence for his past follies and indiscretions; has purchased his experience dearly; has been shut out from his parents and all that he holds dear; desires to enter the army of his countrymen; kindness of Mr. Conyngham, who has promised to procure him a passage to America; would rather get employment on board a privateer; his funds very low; desires Franklin to mark out a line of conduct for him which he promises to follow. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 118.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. May 17. Amsterdam.

Requesting letters of recommendation to the Governors of Martinique and Dominica, as he expects to set sail shortly for those islands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 119.**

From ——— **Morel.** 1779. May 17. Versailles.

At the suggestion of the Marquis de la Fayette, sends Franklin his work, "Le tableau des forces actuelles de la France." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 120.**

From [**Marc**] **Le Fort.** 1779. May 17. Marseilles.

Acknowledging the part Franklin took in helping them to recover damages for the ship "L'Élégante" and her cargo; desire him to recommend their agent, M. Antoine Gautier, to the Magistrates at Williamsburg, that they may help him recover certain funds detained by Capt. Collinson of Bordeaux. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XIV, 121.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. May 17. L'Orient.

Glad to hear that the Chevalier is making diligent preparations for his departure; will be happy to show him and his secretary the town of Boston, before they go to Philadelphia. Thinks he will not go to Congress very soon, unless ordered. Hopes the resolves of the States-General will bring the English to reason; the late exchange of prisoners is the sole instance they have given of justice and humanity since the repeal of the Stamp Act; private letters from England say that the last proposals of Spain have been rejected with ill humor. The "Poor Richard" about ready to sail. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 122.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. May 18. The Hague.

Enclosing a copy of his letter (2 p.) to the Grand Pensionnaire, relative to the capture and condemnation by an American privateer of a Dutch ship taken by mistake for English property. Necessity of strengthening the Anti-English party. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 99.**

From **Veuve Presle de Sainte Marie.** 1779. May 19. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for his promise to forward the enclosed letters to her son in Guadeloupe. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 124.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. May 19. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from M. de Gimat with an account of a very dangerous division between the officers of the "Alliance." Sends Franklin his ideas for print; could make out an immense book on so rich a matter. Reflections on the English Ministry. Ireland's unsettled state; possibility of a corps of two thousand men with four thousand spare arms finding among the Irish many lovers of liberty and many enemies to the English government. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 125.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. May 19. The Hague.

Protest against the Admiralty's evasive reply, by the merchants of Amsterdam and Rotterdam; their demand for unlimited convoys. England asked to revise certain verdicts in the case of Dutch vessels captured by the English. Lord Weymouth's refusal. Visit from Nicholas Davis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 100.**

From **Sam**[**uel**] **W. Stockton.** 1779. May 20. The Hague.

Owing to lack of funds, is unfortunately deprived of the pleasure of paying his respects to Franklin before leaving for America; desires to carry any despatches for Congress Franklin may care to send; begs for a few lines in his favor to the Committee of Congress for Foreign Affairs, as well as some letters of recommendation from Dr. Pringle; transcribes copies of letters written in his favor by Samuel Wharton and Mr. Cushing. Franklin's cautionary letter respecting Nicholas Davis has prevented the latter's imposing on several persons. Affairs in the Netherlands; the Prince of Orange again endeavoring to delay the equipment of the convoys; an attack on their convoys by the English needed to rouse the provinces from their lethargy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 126.**

From **Isidoro de la Torre.** 1779. May 21. Cadiz.

Account of a Spanish vessel having been attacked by an American corsair and forced to pay a ransom; desires indemnity for the loss; has the necessary documents to prove his statements. A. L. S. 3 p. (In Spanish.) **XIV, 127.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. May 21. The Hague.

Concerning the protested American bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 101.**

From **L. F. Baron Van Wynbergen.** 1779. May 21. Wesel.

His military services in the Netherlands and Prussia; desirous of entering the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 128.**

From **P. Jean Renaud.** 1779. May 21. Geneva.

Begs for news of his son, to whom Franklin granted letters of recommendation to a friend in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 129.**

From ——— **Morel.** 1779. May 22. Versailles.

Asks for some slight monetary return for the maps he sent to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 130.**

From ——— **Bocheron.** 1779. May 22. Rosny.

Is convinced that even a bagatelle in favor of the American cause is not a matter of indifference to Franklin, therefore sends a poem inspired and created by the love of liberty. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 131.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. May 22. Bordeaux.

Arrival of a small ship from Maryland. Encloses a petition from Joseph Bail[e]y and Philip Chapman, prisoners, taken on board a whaleman by the "Marquis de la Fayette." Probable destination of M. La Motte Picquet. The "Gen. Mercer," to sail about the 10th of June direct for Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 132.**

From **Comte de Beaufort.** 1779. May 24. Liège.

Enclosing a plan and a set of conditions, in accordance with which he proposes to raise a body of troops for the service of America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIV, 134.**

From **The Crew of the Drake Sloop of War.**

1779. May 24. Fougères.

Petition that the same aid which was rendered to that part of the crew which was exchanged, should be given to themselves who are wounded and in the Brest Hospital. A. L. S. James Pinkerton *et al.* 2 p. **LIV, 37.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & frères Rocquette.**

1779. May 24. Rotterdam.

Begging to be informed of the safe arrival of a packet, which they have just forwarded to Franklin. Inquire where they can negotiate American bank notes and whether the interest is payable annually. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 135.**

From ——— **Baudouin.** 1779. May 25. Paris.

Ashamed to let Franklin know the full extent of his thoughtlessness; promises it will not occur again. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 136.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1779. May 25. Paris.

Desires Franklin's advice concerning the matters he wishes to lay before M. de Sartine, with whom he dines that day; importance of those matters which concern the State of South Carolina. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 138.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1779. May 25. London.

Thinks that Franklin's paper on the "Aurora Borealis" having been read at the Royal Academy precludes its being heard at the Royal Society; hears, however, that Franklin is to favor them with a paper on a more useful subject; at the next meeting of the Council the matter of Franklin's copies will be taken up. Intends to retire to the country in order to finish his book on small-pox. Concerning his paper on a new method of suspending magnetic needles, as well as one on the nature and explosive force of gun powder; Dr. Priestley acknowledges in the latter case the inferiority of his theory. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 139.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. May 26. Nantes.

Thanking Franklin for his goodness to his son; thinks him the finest little lad he ever saw. Has at last obtained the consent of the gentlemen to examine his accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 31.**

From **[Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.** 1779. May 26. Versailles.

In receipt of the letter relative to the brigantine belonging to Mr. Giddings, which was accidentally sunk by a battery off Guadeloupe; His Majesty willing to grant an indemnity commensurate with the loss. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) **XIV, 140.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. May 26. L'Orient.

His keen disappointment at the change of plans on the part of the French Government; instead of the Marquis [de la Fayette] joining him with troops, he is ordered elsewhere; considers no season would have been as fit for their purpose as the present. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 141.**

Printed in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 258.

From **Brault & Demezaudré.** 1779. May 27. St. Malo.

Unfortunately, will not be able to profit by Franklin's good will, as Capt. Landais's destination is changed, and he says it is impossible to carry them to America; begs for Franklin's protection should another opportunity offer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 142.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. May 27. Amsterdam.

High opinion of de N[eufville]. Four Bostonians in town,—Messrs. Sears, Cordes, Coffin and Sayre; Sayre's apparent knowledge of financial affairs; his attitude toward de N[eufville]; desires Franklin's advice on this head. Desirability of Holland's being America's creditor. Criticism of the published letter concerning Capt. [James] Cook. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 102.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. May 28. Dunkirk.

As the sole agent for the "Black Prince," will be very exact in advising Franklin of all particulars concerning the vessel. Informing him of Capt. Marchant's intention to capture, if possible, the British packets between Dover and Calais; desires to know if they would be deemed lawful prizes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 143.**

From **James Lenox Napier.** 1779. May 28. Bayonne.

Writes on behalf of sixteen American prisoners, of whom he is one, who desire to be released and to go on board some ship bound for America; homesick for their country, their wives and their children. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 144.**

From **Baron de Holtzendorff.** 1779. May 28. Paris.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letters to the Carolinas; flatters himself that Congress, through Franklin's interposition, will at length do him the justice he merits; would be entirely ruined should they fail to comply with his just claims in accordance with their own resolves; has applied to the Comte de Vergennes to obtain his Most Christian Majesty's protection in the affair. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 145.**

From **John Walsh [late Master of the Drake].** 1779. May 28. Fougères.

Gratefully acknowledges Franklin's former humane interference on behalf of the English prisoners on board the "Patience" brig at Brest; obliged to renew his complaints owing to his harsh treatment by M. Riou of Brest, who, from malicious motives, allowed the crew to be exchanged before the officers, against all established custom; begs to be sent to England with four of his remaining crew, and promises to do his utmost to get Americans exchanged in their places. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 146.**

From **Sir William Jones.** 1779. May 28. Paris.

Presenting a translation of a pretended fragment of Polybius. He, as well as Mr. Paradise, will be glad to carry any messages or letters Franklin may care to send to England. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIV, 147.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 365).

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779. May 29. Paris.

Presenting facts relating to the seizure at Dieppe of the effects of Thomas and Robert Burdy. L. S. (Copy.) **LXI, 79.**

From **Joseph Wharton, [Jr.].** 1779. May 31. Paris.

Returning American newspapers. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 95a.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. May 31. Amsterdam.

Arrival of certain vessels from America; news of the English being defeated near Savannah. Is lodging at Mr. N.'s; for obvious reasons will not see Chevalier G[ran]d nor his associates. Desires Franklin's advice before becoming more intimate with Mr. Sayre. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 103.**

From **Benj[amin] Vaughan.** 1779. May 31. London.

Has just finished with the sheets [of his edition of his "Political, Miscellaneous and Philosophical Pieces," London, 1779], only that he has expectations of procuring his [Franklin's] preface to Mr. Gal-[lo]way's speech, and in consequence the epitaph. Should have applied to Mr. Wharton for them before his leaving England. His great admiration of Franklin's paper on the "Aurora Borealis"; will send his comments on that subject later; concerning Franklin's paper on the "*Vis Inertiae*"; changes he expects to make in his own comments on that paper. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 148.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. May 31. Amsterdam.

Concerning the loan for America recommended to their care; Mr. Sayre spoke with judgment on this point, though he confessed he had no commission either from Congress or Franklin; begs him to recommend their firm to Congress or to any private acquaintance in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 149.**

From **Gerard d'Auzéville.** [1779. May (?).]

Begs Franklin to help him in carrying out his project of going to America and acquiring a small tract of land for cultivation. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 104.**

From **John Paradise and Sir [William] Jones.** 1779. June 1. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to insert in the enclosed passport the fact that Mr. Paradise is an American gentleman, though born in Greece. L. S. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIV, 150.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 366).

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. June 1.

The dinner proposed for the morrow at Auteuil has been postponed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 84a.**

From **Lieut.-Col. Petterelly.** 1779. June 1. Bregence.

Recommends his son, who wishes to quit the Imperial service in order to fight for the American cause. His dismissal was regretfully granted. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 59.**

From [**Hippolyte**] **de Verité.** 1779. June 2. Olmütz.

His military record in Hungary; desires to enter the American army; has a wife and two children, whom he desires to take with him, should his offer be accepted. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 151.**

From ——— **Hardouin.** 1779. June 2. Paris.

Desiring to know if Franklin wishes to subscribe to the works of M. Charles Bonnet. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 152.**

From [**I.**] **Bordot.** 1779. June 2. La Rochelle.

The arrival of two English privateers, the "Defiance" and the "Ladies Resolution," taken by the frigate "l'Hermione"; slight resistance encountered; no loss of life; the crews, mostly boys, numbering 194, were sent to prison. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 153.**

From [**Thomas**] **Conway.** 1779. June 3. Paris.

Certifying to the excellent character and military zeal of M. de Santuary, who was made prisoner near Philadelphia, in November, 1777; the Congress desires to procure his exchange with an English officer of the rank of major. (In French.) **XIV, 154.**

From [**Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel**] **de Sartine.** [*Circa* 1779.] June 3. Marly.

Received his letter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 233.**

From "**The Representative**" [**Jean Paul Marat**]. 1779. June 4. Paris.

Inviting Franklin to be present at dinner at the hotel of M. le Marquis de l'Ausbespine, together with Messieurs le Comte de Maillebois, de Montigni, LeRoy and Sage; desires also his grandson's company, who, if the weather keeps clear, will have an opportunity to see the experiments. If Franklin has perused the manuscript treatise on fire, begs him to give him his opinion thereupon. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 155.**

From **[John] Paradise and Sir [William] Jones.**
1779. June 5. Calais.

Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy and hospitality to them, in the most cordial terms. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIV, 156.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 366).

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. June 5. The Hague.

Decision of Committee appointed by the Holland Assembly to stand by the resolution in favor of unlimited convoys. Enclosing copy of a memoir [2 p.] presented by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] to L[eurs] H[autes] P[uissances] complaining bitterly of the calumnies against England published in the Leyden Gazette and of one in especial put into the mouth of the Russian Minister, and demanding retraction and satisfaction. Arrival of M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]'s despatches from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 104.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1779. June 5. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the State of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. (In quadruplicate.) 1 p. **LIV, 42.**

From **J[ohn] D. Schweighauser.** 1779. June 5. Nantes.

Account of expenditures for fitting out the frigate "Alliance" and the brig "Morris," and note of drafts drawn in discharge of those expenses. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIV, 43.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1779. June 5. Paris.

Is about to leave for a tour of inspection among the military schools of the kingdom; promises to keep him informed of any maritime news he may receive; sends messages from the Comtesse de Forbach to Franklin and his grandson. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 157.**

From **Duc de Chaulnes.** [*Circa* 1779.] June 6. Paris.

Desiring to know the title of a book on the transportation of timber in the Pyrenees; promised to procure it for Mr. Vaughan. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 37.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. June 7. Amsterdam.

Once more requests letters of recommendation to the Governor of Martinique, Guadeloupe or Dominica. Surprised at Franklin's silence concerning the construction of a new kind of ship; is sure he can construct a ship far superior to any then in use; with a very few could render the whole British navy totally useless. Has received letters from London desiring to know how far and in what manner Franklin would give aid to Ireland; an American Commissioner needed in the matter; offers himself for the position. Lord North receives constant information of affairs in Paris, through one, Dr. Moore, an ex-clergyman and "a dirty fellow." A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 158.**

From [**Jno.**] **Ross.** 1779. June 7. Paris.

Sending some American papers just arrived by a vessel from Philadelphia. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 32.**

From ——— **Evén.** 1779. June 7. Bannalec.

Offering his services to America; desires Franklin to procure him a passage to America; will trust to the justice of that country to establish himself. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIV, 159.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & Brothers Rocquette.** 1779. June 7. Rotterdam.

Enclose the two bills issued by the States of America, concerning which they desire information. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 160.**

From **Jeremiah Peirce.** 1779. June 8. Tenterden.

A native of East Greenwich, Rhode Island; his capture by an English frigate, escape from Forton prison, enlisting on board a French cutter and his present wretched situation as a prisoner; begs Franklin to procure his exchange; enclosing certificates. [Endorsement by Mr. Thomas Viny, recommending Pierce as an honest fellow, to Franklin's kindness.] A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 161.**

From **Felix Antony Castrioto.** 1779. June 8. Lisbon.

Has received no answer to his letters; such neglect is not merited by the first foreigner who undertook in public the defense of America, and who made a deep impression on many people's minds by his pamph-

lets on the justice of the American cause; only desires the opportunity to render himself useful to America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 162.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham.** 1779. June 8. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Recommending Richard Harrison, who has rendered essential service as agent for the States of Virginia and Maryland; his intention is to enter a commercial establishment at Cadiz; refers Franklin to him for a full and candid report of the situation of affairs in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 163.**

From **C. G. F. Dumas.** 1779. June 8. The Hague.

Opinion of the Grand Facteur and M. Van Berkel as regards the enactment of the resolution granting unlimited convoys. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 105.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. June 8. The Hague.

Sequel of Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s affair with the Leyden Gazette. Hopes concerning Spain. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 106.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. June 8. L'Orient.

Promising to do all he can for M. Dubourg. Certain small matters of business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 32.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. June 8. Dunkirk.

Persuaded Capt. Stephen Marchant, of the "Black Prince," to postpone his sailing until he received an answer from Franklin to his letter of the 28th ult.; the Captain, however, interprets Franklin's silence as permission to take the packets, and will sail as soon as weather permits, trusting to Franklin's assistance to have the prizes condemned to his profit. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 164.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. June 9. Amsterdam.

Concerning the plan in his former letter relative to Ireland; assured by certain gentlemen in London that nothing is needed but a small fleet under a proper person, commissioned from America; trusts Franklin would not consider him an improper person for this business; discusses the plan in detail. Arrival of Mr. Van der Capellen in Amsterdam to sound the city with regard to America; a strong party in her

favor. Desires to know if he is to receive no countenance or support from America; others are supported, after accusations, which, if true, ought to hang them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 165.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. June 9. The Hague.

Amsterdam's attitude and that of M. Van Berkel in the affair of the convoys. Rumored offers of friendship from Ireland to America. Belief that Spain's declaration is imminent. Arrival of the "Independence" from Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 107.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1779. June 9. Philadelphia.

In accordance with resolutions of Congress, bills of exchange have been drawn to the amount of 350,000 livres, to be expended in France for military stores. But should hopes of obtaining the supplies in the French West Indies be realized the bills will not be presented for payment. Accompanied by extracts from the minutes of Congress, attested by Cha[rle]s Thomson, Secretary, containing the resolutions (1 p.). L. S. John Jay, President. 2 p. **LIV, 45.**

From **Petrus Van Noemer.** 1779. June 9. Zürich.

Interest he takes in the promise that America will be a refuge for the oppressed of all the world; the determination of himself and his unfortunate companions to escape there as to a sanctuary. Recounts in detail his life and the misfortunes of his political career in Switzerland. Desires to be informed of the best city in which to settle. L. 16 p. (In Latin.) **XIV, 166.**

From **David Sears.** 1779. June 10. Amsterdam.

Announcing the arrival of the sloop "Independence" from Virginia, belonging to Mr. Isaac Sears & Co. of Boston; expects to return to America on this vessel and begs to be the bearer of despatches. Hears that Mr. Adams and the Marquis de la Fayette went out in the fleet of M. La Motte Picquet, but being damaged in a storm were obliged to return; hopes it is not true. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 167.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1779. June 10. Frankfort.

Repeats request that he endeavor to obtain from the French Ministry military stores for the State of Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXI, 28.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1779. June 10. Boston.

His long and fatiguing trip back to Virginia; the vessel by which he forwarded Franklin's letters to Congress was unfortunately lost or taken. Anxious to return to France, if Franklin can offer him any employment. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 168.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1779. June 10. Boston.

Copy of preceding with an added postscript, giving an account of the repulse of the British, on May 14th, by Gen. Moultrie at Charleston; the ravaging and burning of defenseless towns by the enemy exasperates instead of intimidating the people; its probable result. A. L. S. 6 p. **XIV, 168a.**

From ——— **Bek.** 1779. June 10. Vienna.

Desires to find employment in America and end his days there; his studies in philosophy and jurisprudence; refers to M. de Vergennes for his character. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 169.**

From ——— **Morel.** 1779. June 10. Versailles.

Asks for further remuneration for his maps, having only received one louis. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 170.**

From [**Paul-Ulrich**] **Dubuisson.** 1779. June 10. Paris.

Has waited to receive some acknowledgment from Franklin of a copy of his work entitled "Abrégé de la Révolution de l'Amérique Anglaise"; although his work has had a fairly flattering reception, Franklin's silence on the subject has made him regret more than once having undertaken the work; without Franklin's approval and encouragement, is determined not to enter upon another work concerning the events in America during the past year. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 171.**

From ——— **Demezaudré.** 1779. June 10. St. Malo.

Announcing the arrival of a ship from Carolina with news of the taking of Savannah by the English, who were making ready to march upon Charleston; incredible dearness of all clothing and provisions in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 172.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. June 10. Amsterdam.

Concerning their attempt to get subscribers on the papers Franklin intrusted them with; expects the arrival shortly of M. Van der Capellen; will consult with him as to what might be done for the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 173.**

From **R[ichard] B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1779. June 11. London.

Has just received two letters from Maryland; encloses copies of both, and earnestly desires Franklin's advice as to the possibility of taking up the money in France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 174.**

From **Langford Lovell.** 1779. June 11. Antigua.

Desiring a recommendation to the Governor of Dominica; since the conquest of the island, has acted in every respect as a neutral. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 175.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. June 11. The Hague.

Manner in which the affair of Sir J[oseph] Y[orke] and the Leyden Gazette terminated. Arrival of letters from London consenting to Holland's commercial relations with France, provided she does not send them timber. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 108.**

From **L. F. G. E. Gedike.** 1779. June 11. Berlin.

Wants to aid in the American cause. A. L. S. 4 p. **LIX, 61.**

From **Edward Byrne.** 1779. June 12. Cherbourg.

Desires to be released from imprisonment and sent back to Philadelphia; his uncle keeps "The Sign of the Ship" in Walnut Street. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 176.**

From **Geo[rge] Anderson.** 1779. June 13. Lisbon.

Introduces Arnold Henry Dohrman, whose character and proceedings towards the American cause he has before described. Enclosed is a letter to the same purport addressed to Mons. Guillaume [Jno. G.] Frazer, Bordeaux. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 177.**

From **John Kendrick.** 1779. June 13. Lisbon.

Commanded the brig "Comte d'Estaing" when it was captured by the English; put ashore on one of the islands near Spain; his subsequent arrival at Lisbon; the kindness he and his companions received from Arnold Henry Dohrman, who furnished them with clothes and money A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 178.**

From **James Lovell.** 1779. June 13. Philadelphia.

The situation of things in Congress makes him daily expectant of interesting decisions to communicate to Franklin; matters agitated but not as yet concluded respecting Franklin's commission. Enclosing a copy of a Resolution of Congress, desiring an account of the Commissioners' proceedings in M. Beaumarchais's accounts. A. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate.) **XIV, 179.**

From [**Thomas**] **de Mante.** 1779. June 14. Paris.

Owing to Franklin's two guineas paid to the concierge of the prison, is allowed to keep the chamber in which he is lodged; cannot describe the horrid situation from which Franklin's generosity has extricated him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 180.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. June 14. The Hague.

Fight in the Assembly over the Resolution to grant unlimited convoys; splendid part played by Amsterdam; her rival Rotterdam forced to acknowledge it also; the G[rand] P[ensionnaire] likely to regret the role he has played. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 109.**

From **André Honoré.** 1779. June 15. Paris.

United to Franklin by the secret and powerful bonds of the brotherhood; is in great distress; his efforts to gain a livelihood; begs Franklin to assist him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 181.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1779. June 15.

Schedule of 50 sets of bills of exchange dated June 15, 1779, and payable three years later. D. 2 p. **LIV, 46.**

From **Peter Berail.** 1779. June 15. Cette.

Desiring to represent the thirteen United States in the above harbor, either as Consul or Commissary; his present position as quay-master; desires that his son, who has learned English, may have the reversion of the said Consulship. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 182.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. June 15. Bordeaux.

Report received of the "Queen of France," the "Warren" and the "Ranger" having taken a small fleet of transports laden with arms and stores; the officers on board sent to Boston. Hopes the operations of Spain will cause a fall in insurances and admit of the resuming of trade with the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 183.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1779. June 16. Paris.

Sends the two busts of Dr. Franklin; the bearer will receive the amount due on them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 184.**

From **Fra**[**nci**]**s Coffyn.** 1779. June 16. Paris.

Concerning the commission, instructions and other papers for the cutter "Black Prince," commanded by Stephen Marchant and owned by Mr. John Torris; the said privateer sailed for Dunkirk on the 11th inst. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 185.**

From **S**[**amuel**] **W. Stockton.** 1779. June 17. Amsterdam.

Expects to sail on the 26th in a small vessel bound for Philadelphia or Baltimore; promises to take the best care of any letters or despatches Franklin may entrust him with. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 186.**

From **Joseph Pine.** 1779. June 17. Josselin.

Was a passenger on board a merchantman bound for Newfoundland, where he was captured by an American privateer; was given his freedom, only to be once more taken prisoner by a French frigate; begs Franklin to obtain his release. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 187.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. June 17. Amsterdam.

Account of a little scene between Mr. Sayre and de N[eufville], ending in the former's leaving with a displeased air; possible harm Mr. Sayre may do. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 110.**

From ——— **Baudouin.** 1779. June 17. Longchamps.

M. de Sartine has just heard that an American privateer ["The Black Prince"], is about to intercept the packets from Dover to Calais, and that the Captain, having communicated this project to Franklin interpreted his silence to mean consent; M. de Sartine begs Franklin to write at once to this Captain to abstain from attacking any packet from Dover to Calais. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 188.**

From **Peter Wesey and others.** 1779. June 17. Bouling (Boulogne?).

On their way to Boston were taken prisoners by the English, and later, having obtained a passage to Halifax, they were captured by a French cutter; beg to be released from their imprisonment and suffered to go on board any American ship. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 189.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1779. June 17. London.

In a few weeks expects to send to Franklin everything complete relative to an edition of his papers; plans to use a certain engraving of Franklin and the motto, "His country's friend, but more of human kind." Has got the preface of G[alloway]'s speech; his examination in the House; his testimony concerning the beginning of the rebellion, and also of facts relative to recruiting in England and America. Little effect produced by the Spanish manifesto; reason for this. Attitude of the English Ministry towards America and Ireland. Letter from Gov. F. stated to contain accounts of the difficulty America experienced in getting and supporting an army. A. L. 4 p. **XIV, 190.**

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** 1779. June 17. St. Germain.

Desires to communicate some letters which have passed between a friend of Franklin's and himself. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 191.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. June 17. Amsterdam.

Conversations held on the American cause by Messrs. Van der Capellen, Dumas and several American gentlemen. Discusses in detail the question of the loan for Congress. Hopes the conclusion of that treaty is not far off which will unite forever the twenty States in two republics. A. L. S. 5 p. **XIV, 192.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D**[**umas**]. 1779. June 18. The Hague.

Concerning M. de N[eufville]'s letter asking permission to apply to Congress for the title of United States Treasurer in Holland. Hopes to celebrate with Franklin the joyful anniversary of July 4th. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 111.**

From [**Madame**] **De Freÿ.** 1779. June 18. Paris.

Begging that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to her husband, a captain in the service of America; none of her letters have apparently reached him since his departure. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIV, 193.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. June 19. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the State of New Jersey. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In quadruplicate.) **LIV, 47.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1779. June 19. Philadelphia.

Order to pay Caron de Beaumarchais 20,000 livres, pursuant to resolutions of Congress of June 5, 1779. L. S. John Jay, President. 1 p. **LIV, 48.**

From **W**[**illiam**] **Alexander.** 1779. June 19. Dijon.

Announcing the favorable termination of certain proceedings in law. The old secret of making the famous Greek fire which can destroy a fleet at a great distance; the Comte de Rostaing has made the experiment successfully. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 194.**

From [**Comtesse**] **de Forbach, La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** 1779. June 20. École Militaire.

Sending Franklin the scissors she promised him; always delighted at an opportunity to recall herself to Franklin's thoughts. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 195.**

From **S**[**amuel**] **Wharton.** 1779. June 21. Paris.

News received of Gen. Clinton's having detached 3000 men upon an expedition; Gen. Washington has apprized the Governor of Virginia

of the fact, supposing the attack to be planned against that State. Concerning the capture by the Americans of a frigate with 26,000 pounds sterling worth of Indian goods on board, a seasonable and important supply for the use of the States. Size of the English fleet which is assembled at St. Helena and ready to put to sea. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 196.**

From ——— **Allemand.** 1779. June 22. Paris.

Forwards Franklin the note he asked for; reproaches himself for the trouble Franklin is so willing to take in aiding him to perfect his work on canals. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

[Appended is a note in Franklin's hand concerning canals in America.] **XIV, 197.**

From [**John Hyacinth de**] **Magellan.** 1779. June 22. London.

Asking Franklin to obtain the release of Richard Nairne, Captain of a merchant vessel, taken by the French frigate "Flora"; Mr. Nairne's brother in London will do all in his power to aid him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 198.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1779. June 22. The Hague.

Warns him against two persons whose zeal for America may do more harm than good. [M. de Neufville and the Baron de C.] Presented Messrs. [Sir John] Pringle and [Samuel W.] Stockton to the French Ambassador. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 112.**

From [**Samuel**] **Wharton.** [1779.] June 22. [Paris.]

Sends the newspaper containing the Spanish declaration of war. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 93.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. June 22. Bordeaux.

The union of the two fleets at Corunna leaves no longer in doubt the resolution of Spain. Arrival of an American vessel at Bilbao with many prisoners, as well as four prizes. Expects great feats from Capt. Jones. Names and dates of sailing of many vessels. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 199.**

From **Stephen Marchant.**

1779. June 23. On board the "Black Prince."

Account of his cruise in the "Black Prince" and the prizes he captured; sends a list of the prisoners he took, and also of the men taken from him by the English; an equal number; hopes Franklin can arrange an exchange. A. L. S. 5 p. **XIV, 200.**

From **Baron de Holtzendorff.** 1779. June 24. Paris.

The severe illness of young Mr. Cochran; as his father is very much esteemed by Franklin, thinks he would be grateful if a good surgeon or doctor were sent to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 201.**

From ——— **Duvivier.** 1779. June 24. Paris.

Is called away suddenly to Havre; the bearer has not heard from his father for twenty years and desires to send him a letter; begs Franklin to give him the necessary instructions for forwarding. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 202.**

From **Edm[und] Jenings.** 1779. June 24. Paris.

Acknowledges Franklin's kind invitation for dinner to celebrate the anniversary of the declaration of American independency; unable to accept owing to his departure on his intended tour; will keep the day, however, in his remembrance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 203.**

From ——— **De la Verdière.** 1779. June 24. Paris.

Sends Franklin a copy of his memoir. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 204.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1779. June 24. The Hague.

Effect on England and Holland of Spain's declaration. de N[eufville] too ambitious. Baron de C. busy publishing letters he received from prominent Americans; has too little power and too much rashness to be of service; loan proposed by his friend, Lieut.-Col. [J. G.] Diriks. Offered his services to the Spanish Envoy, M. Herreria. Vigorous Resolution passed in the Holland Assembly in accordance with Amsterdam's advice; sad figure cut by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 113.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & Brothers Rocquette.** 1779. June 24. Amsterdam.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 13th inst., containing his sentiments on the two American bank notes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 205.**

From **Thompson, Farley & Co.** 1779. June 24. Nantes.

Desiring to know if Dr. Busch is still in Paris, as he has charge of some letters and papers directed to them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIII, 59.**

From **J[oshua] Steele.** 1779. June 25. London.

The political differences between their Nations cannot make him forget his affection and esteem for Franklin. Sends him forty copies of an abstract of the claim of five candidates for the premium offered by the Society [of Arts] for an invariable standard of weights and measures; makes suggestions for the distribution of these copies. Hopes that a ray of good sense will still be left to bring back peace and put a stop to miseries which degrade and disgrace them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 206.**

From ——— **C——.** 1779. June 25. [London.]

Thanks Franklin for the kind reception given to his son. Wishes the detestable war was over. Assures him of the love and esteem of his friends in London. A. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 36.**

From **R[ichard] B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1779. June 25. London.

Places the enclosed letter in Franklin's care; Mr. Stephenson, a friend of America, is the gentleman who waited upon Franklin at Passy, eighteen months before. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 207.**

From **Jno. Green.** 1779. June 25. Bordeaux.

Sailed from Philadelphia, the 2d of May, in the brigantine "Nesbitt"; captured by an English cruiser; his crew delivered up to the press-gang; made his escape and arrived in Bordeaux the preceding night; committed all his packets and letters to the sea. Before he left Philadelphia, Capt. [John Burroughs] Hopkins, of the ship "Warren," captured a rich prize bound for Georgia; believed that the British will soon evacuate that State. News received of a famine in Bermuda. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 208.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1779. June 25. Dunkirk.

Steps he has taken in one or two cases to have American prisoners released; wishes to prove to his countrymen in Ireland that his support of the liberties of America has been noticed by Franklin. Cannot recommend the persons who wrote to Franklin from Belfast, until he has discovered something more definite concerning their character, names and designs. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 209.**

From ——— **Montleger.** 1779. June 25. Port Louis.

Important affairs must have prevented Franklin from acting in the case of the Duchesse Rosnarko, who desires to obtain the amount due her son, killed on board the frigate "Reprisal" in the service of the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 209½.**

From **Jno. G. Frazer.** 1779. June 26. Bordeaux.

Writes on behalf of an unfortunate countryman now a prisoner at Aix in Provence; his desire to return to Virginia and render some service to his country; his account of how he was forced into the service of the English is true in every particular. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 210.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. June 26. Alicante.

Has always subscribed himself a subject of the United States, yet the day before, on a proclamation of war being made against England, he was arrested, his property seized, and his house filled with soldiers; in vain he produced his certificate and passport given him by Dr. Franklin and Mr. Lee, they obtained him no relief; writes to Franklin for further credentials, that he may be released from this distressing situation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XIV, 211.**

From **Le Content & Co.** 1779. June 26. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from Messrs. de la Torre; begs Franklin to recommend this firm to Congress, and give his advice as to the quickest means of obtaining justice in this affair. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIV, 212.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. June 26. Paris.

Informing Franklin that he will wait upon him on the 5th of July, and asking for an authenticated copy of the letter from the Commissioners to the Comte de Vergennes, concerning the agreement with Hortalez & Co., as well as a copy of his Excellency's answer. A. L. in 3d P. **XIV, 213.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. June 26. Bordeaux.

Arrival of Capt. John Green on the 23d inst., having been captured by a privateer; disappointment and loss incident to these miscarriages. A courier from Madrid has just passed through Bordeaux on his way to Versailles. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 214.**

From **Alex[ande]r Coffin.** 1779. June 28. Amsterdam.

Indorsing in the highest terms the model of a ship contrived by Mr. Sayre, which he thinks an improvement on any ship hitherto known; advantage such ships would be to America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 215.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** 1779. June 28. Paris.

Letters from London say that the Ministry and the people are under great apprehension of an invasion, and the possible destruction of their commerce; measures the English are taking to guard against such an event. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 216.**

From **John de Neufville & Co.** 1779. June 28. Amsterdam.

Concerning the plan for a loan which they hope will meet with Franklin's approval. Arrival of the brig known as the "Amsterdam" from Boston, in reality, the fast-sailing "Gen. Arnold," commanded by Capt. [James] Ma(c)Gee. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIV, 217.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. June 28. Paris.

Sending Franklin's manuscript on "The Morals of Chess," of which he has retained a copy; expects to have it printed shortly in *le Journal de Paris;* hopes to follow it with a few reflections of his own on the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 218.**

From ——— **de Vausenville.** 1779. June 29. Paris.

Sending a copy of his work entitled "Essai Physico-Géometrique sur la Quadrature du Cercle." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 219.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. June 29. Aix.

Was pressed into the British navy against his will; desires Franklin to obtain his release from prison, that he may return to America, his native country. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 220.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1779. June 29. Nantes.

Urging Franklin to allow the fleet, fitted out at l'Orient, to proceed to the relief of South Carolina. Lays before Franklin his scheme to raise 1,800,000 livres by subscription throughout France for the purchase of certain frigates and supplies for South Carolina. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIV, 221.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1779. June 29. Calais.

Entreating Franklin to obtain another pass from His Majesty, as a protection against any of his privateers, on his passage from England to Ireland; the former pass is out of date and useless. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 222.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. June 29. London.

Concerning the negotiation for peace lately set on foot; his own position as mediator; some recent events which may delay the proposed treaty for some time; reasons why he considers Spain's manifesto can make no difference in the grounds of this negotiation; his view of what America's policy should be towards France and Spain, in case of an opportunity arising for her to enter into a ten years' neutrality with Great Britain. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) **XIV, 223.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. June 29. Bordeaux.

Advising Franklin that he has drawn upon him for several sums which he begs him to honor. The Spanish fleet prevented from leaving port by contrary winds. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIV, 224.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. June 29. Nantes.

Has at length obtained a number of auditors to examine his accounts. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 33.**

From **Jules, Comte de Montfort.** 1779. June 30. Passy.

Accepting with pleasure Franklin's kind invitation to celebrate with him the anniversary of "our glorious independence." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 225.**

From ——— **Guinot (?).** 1779. June 30. Paris.

Is the bearer of a bill drawn on Franklin for a small amount. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIV, 226.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. June 30. Dunkirk.

Sending Franklin an account of the cruise of the "Black Prince," Capt. Stephen Marchant; desires to know what is to be done with the twenty-one prisoners Capt. M. put on shore, as well as his orders concerning the ransomed brig. Sent Capt. Marchant Franklin's directions about the packet boats. Has sent one of his clerks express to Morlaix to attend to the cutters and their prizes. L. S. 3 p. **XIV, 227.**

From [C. G. F.] D[umas]. 1779. June 30. The Hague.

de N[eufville] persisting in his ambitious schemes; disapproves of conferring on him the eminent powers he demands. Conversation held with the Baron de C. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 114.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1779. June. Philadelphia.

Enclosing Acts of Congress of the 5th and 18th inst. respecting bills of exchange in favor of M. Beaumarchais; Congress earnestly disposed to make him this payment; would gladly have done it in produce had not the state of the finances and the hazardous navigation rendered it impracticable. Flatter themselves that Franklin will be able to discharge the drafts with punctuality. A. L. S. John Jay, President. 1 p. **XIV, 228.**

From ——— ———. 1779. July 1.

Quotes terms of decree by the King of Spain whereby all vessels having merchandise on board belonging to the King's enemies may be seized, brought into a Spanish port and the merchandise confiscated. Asserts that according to this decree Capt. Conyngham's seizure of the French brigantine "Le Gracieux" from Cadiz, with cargo on board consigned to London, was lawful. Protest made by Spain against the seizure. Calls Franklin's attention to several points of the case. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LIV, 51.**

From **John Hay, [Jr.].** 1779. July 1. Passy.

The persons in the expedition, to which Franklin has granted his protection, are anxious to know what port in America would be the safest for them to land; their intention is to settle in Pennsylvania, but, to avoid the danger of British cruisers, they would make for any other port north or south of the Delaware. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 1.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.**

1779. July 1. On board "The Bon Homme Richard," off L'Orient.

Movements of the American squadron under his command. Disappointed in the sailing powers of the "Bon Homme Richard"; even the "Pallas" sails faster; believes if the Court would give the ship which they at first offered, it would be possible to make a useful and honorable cruise with the force now under his command. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 2.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** [1779?] July 1.

Regrets to be unable to accept Dr. Franklin's invitation to celebrate Independence Day with him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 183.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 1. Nantes.

His trial fixed for the following day at nine o'clock; begs for a certain paper, the absence of which may cause a delay. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 34.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 2. Nantes.

Concerning his trial, which goes on very well; expects to come out of it without a stain, and, he trusts, with honor and applause; Commodore Gillon chosen to fill Mr. Schweighauser's place; the gentlemen have agreed to inform Mr. Lee that they are sitting in order that he may have every opportunity to support his charges. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 35.**

From **Antony Francis Salucci & Son.** 1779. July 2. Leghorn.

Very unfortunate in their expedition to North America; "La Prosperità" and cargo taken near Chesapeake Bay on April 20 by two sloops of war of New York; begs Franklin to send their unhappy Captain Bettoja the enclosed letters and to recommend him to some person in Virginia who may help him. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 3.**

From **Jno. G. Frazer.** 1779. July 2. Bordeaux.

Enclosing a letter from George Anderson, of Virginia, who was captured in a vessel of his own and carried to Lisbon; there he was treated with the greatest kindness by the bearer, Mr. Arnold Henry Dohrman, a friend to all unfortunate Americans; any civility Franklin may show him is well merited and will be deeply appreciated by himself. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 4.**

From **James Hopkins and James Corrick.** 1779. July 2. Vitry.

Desire to be released from their parole and allowed to go on board one of the vessels bound for America; able to act in any capacity on board ship. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 5.**

From **Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1779. July 2. London.

Franklin the only person who can put him in the way of getting his remittances in the manner decided upon by his friends in America. Desires some information concerning le Chevalier Milford, who did not succeed in getting a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 6.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. July 2. L'Orient.

Transcribes a letter received from Capt. John Green with an account of his having been captured by a cutter and carried into Falmouth; his subsequent arrival at Bordeaux; news from America; prizes taken by the "Warren," "Queen of France" and "Ranger"; British will soon be forced to leave Georgia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 7.**

From **Jo[hn] Torris.** 1779. July 2. Dunkirk.

Has just received from Stephen Marchant a list of his prisoners delivered at Morlaix, with an equal number of his own men who he believes have fallen into the hands of the English; encloses Mr. Marchant's letter and warmly seconds his request for an exchange; recommends that everything be done to enable the "Black Prince" to continue her cruise. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 8.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 2. L'Orient.

Arrival of the "Alliance" and the "Pallas." Question whether Capt. Landais's prize is valid or not. Repairs needed for the ships. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 9.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. July 2. Bordeaux.

Introducing Mr. Dohrman of Lisbon, whose distinguished conduct in favor of the Americans is well known. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 10.**

From **Becker & Saltzmann.** 1779. July 3. Berlin.

Has sent Franklin a packet containing certain articles of clothing for soldiers; hope they may receive an order for these articles at a modest price. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 11.**

From **Johann Matthias Diterich.** 1779. July 3. Berlin.

Concerning a lottery. Requests Dr. Franklin either personally or through M. de Necker to take five or six thousand lots. Accompanied by printed plan of lottery of Prince zŭ Anhalt Zerbst. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 36.**

From **Joseph Gridley.** 1779. July 3. Nantes.

A small vessel bound for Philadelphia and waiting at Nantes only for her despatches and papers from the Minister of the Marine; will answer for the fidelity of the Captain, if Franklin cares to send any despatches to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 12.**

From ——— **Vigneron.** 1779. July 4. Beauvoir-sur-mer.

Desires to emigrate to America with his family; wishes to cultivate a tract of land there; stipulates that it should bear his name. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 13.**

From **David Moffett.** 1779. July 4. Vitry.

Is an American in a French prison; begs Franklin to procure his discharge and passage to his home in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 14.**

From [**Duc**] **de Chaulnes.** 1779. July 4.

Forwards a letter which he has received for him from Benjamin Vaughan. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 124.**

From **Jno. P**[**aul**] **Jones.**

1779. July 4. "Bon Homme Richard," L'Orient.

Complains that their ships are unable to overtake privateers; anxious to put to the trial a plan of his, which, however, could not succeed without troops; would have carried out this scheme, had the Marquis [de la Fayette] embarked with him. Alterations he would like to make in the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Pallas." Cannot forego all hopes of commanding the ship in Holland originally offered him by the Court; leaves it to Franklin's discretion whether or not to mention these hopes to the Minister. Has saluted the sun both morning and evening; hopes this will be done, to the latest posterity, wherever the flag of freedom is displayed. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 15.**

From **Sam[ue]l Davison.** 1779. July 5. Masterland, Sweden.

Sailed from Norfolk the 1st of May with the sloop "Phoenix"; was obliged to leave without a commission, the Governor of Virginia not having any blanks from Congress by him at the time; begs Franklin to send him a commission. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 16.**

From **William Kentisbear.** 1779. July 5. Aix.

Writes on his own and a fellow-prisoner's behalf to beg Franklin to procure their discharge and enable them to secure a passage on board some American frigate, as they are both natives of America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 17.**

From **John Walsh.** 1779. July 5. Vitry.

Wrote in June to request that he and four of his men might obtain permission to return to England, and promised to use his endeavors to have as many Americans exchanged in their places; hopes Franklin's silence is not due to anything Mr. Riou may have said against him. Encloses a letter of John Paul Jones to show what good terms he has been on with that gentleman. **XV, 18.**

From **Petre Sargét.** 1779. July 6. La Rochelle.

Left New Orleans 20th of April and arrived at La Rochelle 19th of June. Account of the capture of Vincennes [Indiana] first by one side and then by the other. Number of skins purchased from the Indians by Col. George [Rogers] Clark; letter of exchange in which the writer was concerned. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 19.**

From **Pierre Eckstrom.** 1779. July 6. Marstrand.

Enclosing a letter from Capt. Samuel Davison; if Franklin will send him the papers the Captain desires, he will deliver them safely. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 20.**

From **J[ohn] Hay, Jr.** 1779. July 6. Dunkirk.

The expedition which is to leave Ireland for America; advisability of mentioning it in his public despatches to Congress. His views on the political situation of England, Ireland and America; will inform Franklin of the date of sailing of the expedition, whenever that is decided upon. A. L. S. 5 p. **XV, 21.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 6. Nantes.

Transmitting a letter from his arbitrators, to be delivered into Mr. Lee's hand, and a certificate of its delivery to be returned. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 36.**

From **Frederick Guillaume, Baron de Bessel.**
1779. July 6. Hannover.

His military services to the King of Prussia; the two works he has published relative to his profession. Begs Franklin to recommend him to Congress and to Gen. Washington, in order that he may obtain a suitable position in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 22.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. July 6. Alicante.

On the 26th ult., wrote Franklin of his ill treatment and arrest, notwithstanding he showed his certificate and passport given him by the Plenipotentiaries of the United States; however, on his representing the facts to the Minister of War at Madrid, his grievances were redressed with all honor and expedition. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 23.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1779. July 6. London.

Franklin's paper on the "Aurora" has been a good deal controverted, which has led him to make great exertions. Death of Henly. Comparison between air at the height of forty feet and that at the pole; the former 10,000 times rarer. L. 2 p. **XV, 24.**

From [**Gen. Chevalier de**] **Laneuville.** 1779. July 7. Paris.

Has only just received Franklin's invitation to celebrate with him the American independence; greatly sensible of the honor done him and as keenly disappointed at having been unable to drink to the thirteen United States of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 25.**

From **Charles Collins.** 1779. July 8. Pembroke Prison.

Writes on behalf of himself and the other American prisoners in Pembroke, who desire to be released from their present confinement, but if this be impossible, they ask for some clothing, as they are reduced to absolute nakedness. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 26.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. July 8. Paris.

Informed by his brother in Germany that Franklin declared he knew three different merchants who were ready to supply the wants of Virginia at the time of Capt. Le Maire's visit; desires the names and addresses of these merchants as well as the terms on which they proposed to supply Virginia's demands. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 27.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1779. July 9. Philadelphia.

Sends Franklin some Journals and Gazettes and letters and a complete set of the Journal [of Congress] as far as printed. A. L. S. James Lovell. 1 p. 1st and 3d copies. **XV, 28.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779. July 9. Paris.

Enclosing the London Packet, containing a part of Mr. Galloway's extraordinary evidence. News received of Sir Charles Hardy having sailed out of the Channel with 31 sail of the line. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 29.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 9. "Bon Homme Richard," L'Orient.

Complains of the lack of discretion shown by M. de ——— and the trouble which will arise from such a communicative disposition. Thinks the necessary repairs will not interfere with the execution of Franklin's orders. Desires to know how far he may use his own judgment in dealing with the enemy. The illness of the officer chiefly concerned is the reason for delaying the Court of Inquiry. Is opposed to M. de Chaumont's suggestion to send the "Pallas" and "Vengeance" cruising after privateers until the "Bon Homme Richard" and "Alliance" are ready for service; his reasons. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 30.**

From **John Antes.** 1779. July 10. Grand Cairo.

Sends Franklin a copy of six quartettes which he lately composed for the use of the Harmonical Society of Bengal; his success in the watch-making trade. Belongs to the Society of United Brethren who have a missionary post in Egypt; their religious scruples against bearing arms; hardships they have suffered on this account since the independency of the Colonies; asks Franklin's influence on their behalf. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 31.**

From **J. Hare.** 1779. July 10. Venice.

Has been separated four years from his brother and their correspondence completely interrupted by the unfortunate condition of public affairs; encloses a packet which he begs Franklin to forward to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 32.**

From **Sam[ue]l Davison.** 1779. July 10. Gottenburg.

The circumstances which forced him to leave Virginia without his commission; his second mate, a disaffected person, reported this fact to the British Consul, who at once demanded the cargo taken by him from an English ship; has refused to obey, unless obliged by the Court of Stockholm; would esteem it a favor if Franklin would forward him a commission at once. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 33.**

From **Henry Greig.** 1779. July 10. Gottenburg.

Writes to second the request for a commission made by Capt. Samuel Davison, of the cutter "Phoenix"; for lack of these papers, he is in danger of losing a rich prize, which the English Consul says should be sequestered for an act of piracy; is engaged in supplying Capt. Davison with guns, ammunition and men; has written to the owners a letter, which he begs may be forwarded with Franklin's despatches; therein he has enumerated the articles Sweden can furnish with advantage to America. A. L. S. 7 p. **XV, 34.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. July 10. Paris.

Has received Franklin's letter of the 9th inst. with information that Messrs. Bayard, Chaumont and Montieu were the merchants alluded to; the first he understands is a bankrupt; the second declined an application similar to M. Le Maire's; the third made no proposals conformable to those of Virginia; understands that Mr. Montieu sent his proposals to Franklin in writing; begs for a copy of them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 35.**

From **Rich[ar]d Speakman.** 1779. July 12. Gand.

Is a native of America; waiting, with his wife and children, for an opportunity to return home; desires Franklin to point out the steps he should take and to send him a passport. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 36.**

From **Charles Epp.** 1779. July 12. Altorf.

If he could get to America at a moderate cost, would summon up sufficient resolution to transport himself and his whole family thither; possibility of Franklin's furnishing him with a consulship in Spain, Italy or Sicily. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 37.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. July 12. Havre.

The delight he experiences in seeing himself in the midst of warlike preparations against England; prophesies great results from their expedition; strength of the army at their disposal; believes the Ministry to be in earnest. Chances of success should Gibraltar be besieged or Jamaica attacked. Laments the situation of Virginia, a prey to the low, pillaging war carried on by the enemy; desires news of that beloved country and of his dearest friend, General Washington. Wishes Spain would declare for independency and send a frigate to Boston. Though pleased with the present expedition, will gladly return to America, whenever he can be of more use by going there than remaining where he is. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 38.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 12. L'Orient.

Repairs needed on the "Bon Homme Richard"; in obedience to a request of M. de Sartine, the "Pallas," "Cerf," and "Vengeance" have gone on a short cruise until the "Bon Homme Richard" and "Alliance" are once more ready for service; the "Bon Homme Richard" too old to admit of the necessary alterations; wishes to render himself worthy of a better and faster sailing ship; suggestions for strengthening his little force. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 39.**

From **Boyer de la Croix.** 1779. July 13. Paris.

Desiring to know when Franklin will be able to grant him a short interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 40.**

From **Baron de Sabardin.** 1779. July 13. Near Verdun.

Desiring to enter the American army, with a rank not lower than Lieutenant-Colonel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 40½.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 13. Nantes.

Franklin's letter of the 9th inst. concerning insults offered to the Spanish flag by three American vessels of war, the "Resolution," "Plymouth" and "Little Resolution," said to have sailed from Nantes; never heard of the existence of any American war vessels with those names; believes the English cruizers under the flag of the United States, have boarded Spanish vessels, in order to blacken the character of American ships; will look into the matter carefully. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXVIII, 37.

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 13. Nantes.

Sending an answer to the letter of Mr. A. I. A., forwarded him by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 38.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 13. Nantes.

Arrival on the 10th inst. of the "General Mifflin"; account of three prizes taken by her; number of prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXVIII, 39.

From **C. G. F. Dumas.** 1779. July 13. Paris.

Letter from M. Van Berkel, returning the plan of the proposed treaty between America and Holland, assuring him of Amsterdam's approval and suggesting slight changes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 115.

From **John Brig.** 1779. July 15. Aix.

Begging Franklin to obtain him his liberty and a pass to go to Bordeaux and embark on one of the frigates there, which are being fitted out in the American service; has been master of a ship out of Philadelphia for fifteen years; well known to Mr. Conyngham. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 41.**

From **Wernier, Hartsinck & Wernier.** 1779. July 15. Amsterdam.

Desire to enter into commercial relations with America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 42.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. July 15. Bordeaux.

Arrival of various vessels; prizes taken by the frigates with M. d'Orvilliers; a few more favorable circumstances, and trade will be reviving. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 43.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee on Foreign Affairs.** 1779. July 16. Philadelphia.

The Minister from France reports that Dr. Franklin's appointment has given high satisfaction to his Court and the Committee is encouraged to expect proofs of its most confidential reliance upon your character. They have not had a line from Dr. Franklin of this year's date. Unfortunate that they did not get the information of Mr. Lee earlier respecting the enemy's design against Connecticut. Will no one under a commission from these United States retaliate on the coasts of England for the burning of beautiful Fairfield? A single privateer might show there a striking sample of the species of war now carried on by Britain against America. A. L. S. James Lovell. 3 p. **XV, 44.**

From **Nicholas Randle and others (prisoners).** 1779. July 16.

Subjects of George III, taken prisoners by the "Black Prince," and granted their discharge on condition that they answer to their names in the expected exchange of prisoners. D. S. 3 p. **XV, 45 and 50.**

From **[Antoine Alexis François] Cadet [de Vaux].** 1779. July 17. Paris.

Concerning an account, published by him in Le Journal de Paris, connected with the Mazarin College; obtained M. Dubourg's consent to introduce some things relative to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 47.**

From **George Lawder and others.** 1779. July 17.

Parole. Same as XV, 45. D. S. 2 p. **XV, 48.**

From ——— **St. Luire.** 1779. July 18. Passy.

Hopes Franklin will accept the enclosed couplet in his honor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 49.**

From **Joseph Pellegrini.** 1779. July 19. Vienna.

Graduated in medicine at the University of Vienna; had planned to go to America with his fellow-student, Kaufmann, a native of Philadelphia, whose untimely death put on end to these hopes; wishes to know if Franklin can procure him a passage to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 52.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 20. Nantes.

Enclosing Franklin a copy of Arthur Lee's answer to the arbitrators. (XXXVIII, 40a.) A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 40.**

From **Sam[ue]l Hill.** 1779. July 20. Carhaix.

Surgeon on the "Drake" when she was taken by the "Ranger"; begs permission to return to his native country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 53.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham.** 1779. July 20. St. Pierre, Martinique.

Account of Count d'Estaing's conquest of the island of Grenada and his successful encounter with Lord Byron's fleet; regrets that circumstances prevent the French from attacking St. Kitts; the importance of such an acquisition; what the loss of the West Indies must mean to England; the attitude of Great Britain, the disposition of her troops, etc.; believes, should the war continue, that the West Indies will become a busy theatre of action. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 54.**

From **M. D'amchaga.** [*Circa* 1779.] July 20.

Inquiring if he will dine at home on the following Sunday and if he can see him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 125.**

From ——— **de Fontfrede.** 1779. July 21. Clermont-Ferrand.

Desires news of his son, who embarked for America under the command of de Coudray; begs Franklin to find out if he still lives. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 55.**

From **Theodore Gursch.** 1779. July 21. Paris.

His service in the armies of the King of Prussia; anxious to offer his services to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 56.**

From **Jam[e]s Thompson.** 1779. July 22. Brest.

Has sent, by Captain Carey, all the letters he brought from Boston; expects to sail for home on the 5th of August, in case Franklin should have any commissions to entrust him with. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 57.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 22. Nantes.

Furnishing proof that the privateers complained of by the Spanish Court were not Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 42.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 22. Nantes.

Concerning the exchange of American prisoners for those captured by the "General Mifflin." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 43.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 22. Nantes.

Slow progress of his trial; effort of Mr. Lee, by throwing doubt on the Court's authority, to put a stop to the examination; will carry the decision to Franklin in person. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 44.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 22. Nantes.

Introducing Capt. Foligny, who has just returned from the West Indies, and will be able to give him an account of the naval operations in that part of the world. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 45.**

From **——— Cavallier.** 1779. July 22. Palermo.

Desires to give up his prosperous career as a merchant to become a citizen of America and cultivate a little corner of the earth. His friend, T. T. S. Nicoud, also desires to become an American citizen and writes a line to that effect. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 58.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779.] July 22.

Postponing a visit to Franklin. Invites him to luncheon on Saturday and promises to dine with him the following day. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 27.**

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From **Becker & Saltzmann.** 1779. July 23. Berlin.

Offering uniforms and other articles needed in times of war. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 59.**

From **Pierre Martin.** 1779. July 23. Livourne.

Believes that Franklin is not ignorant of his family and of their possessions on the other side of the Atlantic; is convinced that the Americans will be ready to restore to the innocent heirs the lands so unjustly seized by the English; if he could count on Franklin's protection and his intercession with Congress, he would embark at once for America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 60.**

From **[Bernard] Dehez.** 1779. July 23. Saint Sebastien.

Concerning the capture by Capt. Conyngham of a French vessel from London, laden with English merchandise; the legal process which ensued; authority invested in him by Capt. Conyngham to defend his side of the case; desires the necessary funds to enable him to see the affair through. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 61.**

From **Daniel Duchemin.** 1779. July 23. Amiens.

At present with his family; unable to accept Franklin's invitation to stay with him, as he is suffering with rheumatism, the result of a wound; has decided not to return to America; begs Franklin to procure for him the sums due him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 62.**

From **Pillat de la Coupe.** 1779. July 23. Paris.

Begs him to send the seven bills of exchange forwarded by M. Grand for his acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 63.**

From **——— de la Lande.** 1779. July 23. Paris.

Introducing M. des Raggi, who desires to go to America, and establish a business there. Sorry that the "Lodge of the Nine Sisters" will not be able this year to have their celebration at Passy.

[Note from M. Dubourg at the close of the above letter, endorsing the recommendation and asking Franklin to procure him if possible a free passage.] A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 64.**

From **Philip(pe) Wagner.** 1779. July 23. Dunkirk.

Desiring an advance of twenty louis to enable him to pay his expenses to America. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 65.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 24. Nantes.

Writes on behalf of the unfortunate American prisoners, recently exchanged; Capt. Babcock willing to give them all ship room, provided they are supplied with clothes, provisions and necessaries. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 46.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. July 24. Bordeaux.

Outlining the details of a business venture concerning the vessel "La Marquise de Lafayette," which, though bought by the French Govern-

ment, was equipped out of their capital; thinks M. Ray de Chaumont might be able to help him recover the sum, if Franklin should ask his influence in the matter; enclosing an account of the affair in French, addressed to M. de Sartine. A. L. S. 5 p. **XV, 66.**

From **Stephen Marchant.**

1779. July 25. On board the "Black Prince," Morlaix Road.

His cruise, since setting sail on the 15th inst.; number of sloops and brigs sunk, ransomed and sent to France; number of prisoners brought in; apologizes for their fewness, owing to his lack of men. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 67.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779? July 25. Paris.

Enclosing parts of the Ledger, which may perhaps contain some news; also a letter from a gentleman of good connection and information in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 68.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 25. L'Orient.

Glad to have his authority increased, as it widens his chances of successful enterprises. Promises to send Franklin a cipher for private correspondence; desires that further orders may be sent to the port of his destination by the middle of September. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 69.**

From ——— **Blittenberg.** 1779. July 26. Paris.

Writes on behalf of his friend, Lewis Dupré, who was captured by the English and confined in the prison at Gosport; his subsequent release and safe arrival at Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 70.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & Brothers Rocquette.**

1779. July 26. Paris.

Enclosing a parcel just received from St. Eustatia, also a letter for Mr. Arthur Lee. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 71.**

From **[Joseph-Matthias] Gérard de Rayneval.**

1779. July 26. Versailles.

Begging Franklin to return him a certain letter relative to the vessel "The Three Friends"; has reason to believe it was despatched without the signature of the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 72.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 26. L'Orient.

Has received information that the Jamaica fleet will sail homewards, escorted by a fifty gun ship and two strong frigates; should they fall in with this force will certainly engage them; fears, however, that they are not strong enough to prevent the escape of the convoy; asks that the frigate "Monsieur" may be added to his force. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 73.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1779. July 27. Boston.

Introducing Mr. William Knox, of Boston, brother of General Knox, who desires to pay his respects to Franklin on his way to Holland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 74.**

From **G[erv]ais Charles.** 1779. July 27. La Rochelle.

Desires to enter into commercial relations with the United States; begs Franklin's recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 75.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 27. Nantes.

Concerning the examination of his accounts; attitude of the arbitrators. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 47.**

From **R[odolph] E[ric] Raspe.** 1779. July 27. London.

Is neither easy nor happy in a country where low ambition and the pride of kings have driven out virtue and learning; wishes to procure some work abroad. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 76.**

From ——— **de St. Hubert.** 1779. July 28. Caen.

Begging Franklin to subscribe to his "Dictionnaire Topographique, Historique, etc., de la France"; describes the number of volumes, the plan of the work and the proposed date of its completion. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 77.**

From **N. M. Gellée.** 1779. July 28. Paris.

The bearer will deliver the key of the apartment he occupied in Franklin's house; has decided to quit a post which circumstances have rendered untenable, and as it would humiliate him to touch the salary, M. Didelot will return the money; apologizes for the scandal caused in Franklin's house by a rascally tailor; reasons why he refused to pay him;

intends to leave that night for Berlin; omitted a personal leave-taking for fear of increasing Franklin's displeasure. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 78.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. July 28. Passy.

Thinks it will be necessary to delay the departure of the "Bon Homme Richard," in order to furnish Capt. Jones with a better crew; in this case desires Franklin to order Captain Landais to leave L'Orient at once, in the "Alliance," and cruise to the north of Scotland until the end of September. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 79.**

From ——— **O'heguerty.** 1779. July 28. Nancy.

Desires to enter the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 80.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. July 28. Havre.

Hears that a frigate has just arrived at Brest, which may have brought news from America; begs to be informed of anything which may concern his fellow-citizens. Contradictory reports concerning Charleston; knows not what to believe; evident that Fort la Fayette is taken. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 81.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.**

1779. July 28. "Bon Homme Richard," L'Orient.

Concerning the court-martial at present in progress; the matter of the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Alliance" having run foul of each other not yet settled; two quartermasters before the Court, charged with conspiracy at sea; evidence strongly against them; should any person be condemned to death, will suspend the execution of the sentence until the arrival of Franklin's orders. Has sent one of his officers to Nantes in hopes of enlisting a number of Americans who arrived there in the cartel. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 82.**

From **J[oh]n Diot.** 1779. July 28. Morlaix.

Forwarding a journal of all the proceedings of the "Black Prince" during her cruise; account of her prizes and prisoners; begs Franklin to hasten the condemnation of the said prizes. Certificate enclosed [dated August 26, 1779] of certain English prisoners having arrived safely at the prison of Bague. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 147.**

From **John McCraken.** 1779. July 29. Morlaix.

Was a passenger on board the "Dublin" when she was taken by the "Black Prince"; is now at liberty to return to Bristol; anxious to rejoin his family there and then embark with them for Pennsylvania; begs Franklin's advice and assistance; is a native of Ireland; mentions various of his relatives in America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 83.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1779. July 29. Boston.

Concerning Franklin's scheme for aiding Mrs. Mecom; is willing to assist in every possible way. Introducing Col. Watson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 83½.**

From **Joseph Miller.** 1779. July 29. Tours.

Commanded the brig "Sampson" when she was taken in August, 1778, by the "Gen. Mifflin"; has been a prisoner ever since; begs that he may be allowed to return to England; never took up arms against America; was always in the merchant service. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 84.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1779. July 29. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Knox, the General's brother. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 84½.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. July 29. Paris.

At M. la Lande's request, urges Franklin to grant to M. des Raggi his protection that he may embark for America to fight for the country on sea and to serve her on land. Reminds Franklin again of M. Gregoire, a merchant of Havre, who desires a small consulship of agency in the American service. Awaits with eagerness the remainder of Franklin's works, including the "Morals of Chess"; will endeavor to use them to Franklin's satisfaction. Desires to know if he has sure intelligence of the defeat of Gen. Prevost by Gen. Lincoln. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 85.**

From ——— **Keay.** [1779.] July 29. Paris.

Returning the History of Welsh Poetry, with thanks. Illness of Mme. de Cheminot prevented their waiting on Franklin together. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 193.**

From **E. Temple.** 1779. July 30. Boston.

Desiring Franklin to add the necessary address to the enclosed letter and forward it to Mr. [John] Temple. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 86.**

From **Lavaysse & Co.** 1779. July 30. L'Orient.

Asking that the commander of the "Alliance" be made to return the ship "The Three Friends," of Dublin, to her owners, together with her cargo in good condition, and also indemnify them for the loss caused by this delay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 87.**

From ——— **de Gresplang(?).** 1779. July 30. Paris.

Sending a proposition from one of the Swiss cantons to establish a settlement in America; desires to wait upon Franklin and explain the details. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 88.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1779. July 30. London.

Editing of Franklin's works; believes Franklin will not be displeased with what follows his "Aurora Borealis." Desires to know if the Duc de Chaulnes ever showed him a letter out of the "Public Advertiser," signed A. B. upon the subject of Wilson's Experiments; the paper contained novelties as well as errors. Sorry to say that Mr. Henly cut his throat; he died in good circumstances. Wishes to know if Franklin wrote a piece on Liberty and Necessity in 1729 or 1739, with a dedication to Truth. People in England refuse to be frightened by the bugbear of an invasion. A. L. 3 p. **XV, 89.**

From **The Navy Board, Eastern Department.** 1779. July 30. Boston.

Notice that Samuel [Simon?] Samson, Captain of the "Mercury" packet boat, has been commissioned to carry dispatches to France. A. L. S. W[illia]m Vernon, Pres[iden]t. 1 p. **LIV, 54.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. July 30. Dunkirk.

Concerning the prizes taken by Capt. Marchant of the "Black Prince" and their disposition; trouble caused by the delay in their condemnation; the owners so pleased with the execution wrought by this vessel, that they intend to fit out a companion cutter called the "Black Princess," for which they desire a commission. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 90.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. July 30. L'Orient.

The Irish brigantine, the "Three Friends," taken by the "Alliance," has sunk at her anchors; if the accident arose from carelessness, a court-martial shall determine what punishment to inflict; in case it is death, he will execute the sentence at sea. The "Bon Homme Richard" only lacks one hundred men to be completely ready for sea. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 91.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. July 30. L'Orient.

The prize, "The Three Friends," has lately sunk in the harbor; they have obtained permission from the Admiralty to unload her cargo; cause of the accident not yet discovered. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 92.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. July 31. Nantes.

Arrival of Capt. Thompson from Boston with the following news: Battle in Carolina on May 17th; the English put to flight; number of dead and wounded; return to New York of the English who had been ravaging Virginia; the American frigates, "Ranger," "Providence," and "Queen of France" sailed the beginning of June to cruise off the entrance to the Chesapeake. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 50.**

From **Abbé Le Breton, de la Loutière.** 1779. July 31. Paris.

Asking permission to present Franklin with his little work on the present war. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 94.**

From **Henry Lucas.** 1779. July —. Cherbourg.

Is a Virginian by birth and was serving as officer on board the brig "Betsey" from Baltimore, when she was taken by the English; his subsequent escape and arrival in France, where, through the kindness of a M. Drouet, he embarked on board a French privateer; M. Drouet offers to join him in the purchase of a privateer, to be called the "Happy Alliance"; waits only for a commission from Franklin to take command of it under the American flag and proceed against the enemy. Enclosing an account of the proposed transaction, written in French by M. Drouet. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 93.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard.** 1779. July ?].

Inquiring if it is true that Franklin has parted with M. Gellée, his secretary, and if he requires one to replace him. A. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 80a.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [1779.] July ?

Their worthy friend, M. Dumas, the bearer of this letter; saw the plan of which he was the bearer; glad to defer to his intercession as regards the proposed loan. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 149.**

From **S. Petrie.** 1779. August 1. Paris.

Is about to set forth with two friends on a tour through Flanders; begs Franklin to favor them with a pass. L. in 3d P. 1 p.

Memorandum inserted that Mr. Wharton told Dr. Franklin on August 5th that Mr. Petrie had gone to meet William Lee. **XV, 95.**

From ——— **De St. Firmin.** 1779. August 2. Paris.

Has received a commission as first lieutenant of volunteers on board the "Brave Normand" with the understanding that he was to join his troop at Caen; an illness of fifteen days has absorbed all his little money and he desires a loan to enable him to reach Caen before the ship sails. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 96.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. August 2. L'Orient.

Concerning the expulsion of the English from the "Bon Homme Richard" and the substitution of Americans and Portuguese; if Franklin has any orders for Capt. Jones, desires him to send them at once. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 97.**

From **I. Palmer.** 1779. August 3. Germantown.

Has just heard of Mr. Adams's arrival in Boston, and also that the fleet and army sent to Penobscot to dislodge the enemy had captured seven or eight hundred land forces, six or eight men-of-war and had driven the enemy up the river. This letter will be handed Franklin by the writer's nephew, Joseph Palmer, who, having finished his studies at Harvard College, is returning to his father, near Plymouth, in England; begs Franklin to advise the young man in all things necessary for his passage to Plymouth. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 98.**

From ——— ———. 1779. August 3. Brussels.

Thinking of settling in Pennsylvania. Could bring many good colonists, artisans and farmers from the country about Liege. Wishes to know what advantages would be offered to them and how they would be provided for on the journey and on their arrival. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 38.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. August 3. Havre.

Hears that Gen. Knox's brother is expected shortly in France; hopes Franklin will direct him to his (la Fayette's) address. Rumor of Gen. Washington's army being very strong, and of Gen. Sullivan's having gone into Canada; would be glad to have this report confirmed. They are now ready to embark, but M. d'Orvillier's fleet has not yet been heard of. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 99.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. August 4. Aix.

Hard that he should be kept a prisoner in France when he is a native of Virginia and a subject of the United States; would never have gone on board a British sloop of war, had he not been betrayed into it by the showing of the American colors; begs for an early answer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 100.**

From **John Brice**[?]. 1779. August 4. Aix.

Writes again to beg Franklin to procure him his liberty, that he may use it in defense of his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 101.**

From **Deacon M. Auer.**

1779. August 4. Ebingen near Bahlingen, Württemberg.

States that a son of widow Anne Catharine Höcklerin went to Pennsylvania and worked for her brother-in-law, Christian Schneider, a tanner in Germantown, and saved some money. Her son died three years ago. Schneider desires to send her the money he left, but fears for its safety in these troubled times. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 35.**

The same. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 116.**

From **De La Faye.** 1779. August 4. Paris.

Begs Franklin to listen to the proposition which Madame du Lin is entrusted to make to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 102.**

From ——— **Poullin.** 1779. August 5. Nantes.

Reminding him of a promise of letters of recommendation whenever he should be ready to embark for America; expects to sail about the 14th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 103.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1779. August 6. Montbéliard.

Is paralyzed and without means; begs Franklin to contribute towards his support. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XV, 104.**

From **James Lovell.** 1779. August 6. Philadelphia.

Franklin's favor of July 22, 1778, never came to hand until the 31st of July, 1779. Concerning the fight between Messrs. Deane and Lee; thinks the former wrecked himself upon the quicksands of indiscretion, and that his publication of December 5th totally ruined his claims to any public trust; admits that Congress was misled in the case of Mr. Lee, but does not think it follows that they should destroy an able and faithful servant. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 105.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1779. August 6. Philadelphia.

Expressing the greatest astonishment at not hearing from Franklin for more than twelve months. Begs leave to trouble him with a few more circular letters of Bache and Shee, and asks for the names of the houses to whom their letters are sent. Congratulates him on Count d'Estaing's successes in the West Indies. A. L. S. 2 p. (Two copies.)

P. S. August 9. Concerning a sum he sent to Mr. Williams to be laid out in various articles for Sally's and the family's use; considerable inconvenience caused by their non-arrival. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 106.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1779. August 6.

In relation to the salary, expenses and accounts of the Commissioners, Commercial Agents and others in Europe. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 2 p.

A. E. by James Lovell, requesting Dr. Franklin to furnish copies to those whom it concerns who are not furnished by this opportunity, through haste. **LXXV, 81, 83.**

Printed in the Journals of Congress, Philadelphia, 1782, V, 308.

From **The Marquis de la Fayette.** [1779?] August 7. Paris.

Sending him the memoir of which he spoke. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 148.**

From **Pigault de Beymont.** 1779. August 7. Calais.

His intention to go to America and enter the army; hopes Franklin will send him over with a letter of recommendation to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 107.**

From **V[euv]e de Courcy.** 1779. August 7. Paris.

Her husband embarked for Boston eighteen months before to join the insurgents; desires Franklin to procure a certificate of his death and furnish her with the means of subsisting. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 108.**

From ——— **Aycard.** 1779. August 7. Marseilles.

Desiring to know if the statue of his King, sculptured by himself, arrived safely in America; it was shipped in April, 1778, on the frigate "Adelaide"; trusts it proved an acceptable gift. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 109.**

From ——— **Dianot.** 1779. August 7. Paris.

Sending for a trunk belonging to M. Gellée. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 110.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779. August 8. Paris.

The Messrs. Neave intend to wait upon him to take the oath of allegiance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 111.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1779. August 8. Boston.

Promises to do everything Franklin wishes for his worthy sister [Mrs. Mecom]. Arrival of the French Ambassador, M. de la Luzerne; friendly intercourse he has had with him. Arrival of the "Three Friends." A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 111½.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. August 9. Dunkirk.

Concerning the promised exchange of the twenty-one men belonging to the crew of the "Black Prince," who were captured by the English; has reason to fear harsh treatment for them, and so begs Franklin to put them out of the reach of English malice and fury. A. L. S. 3 p. (Two copies.) **XV, 112.**

From ——— **De Foligné.** 1779. August 9.

His commission of Captain of a frigate from Congress seized by the enemy; requests Franklin to give him a written permission to wear the uniform of the American navy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXII, 45.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1779. August 9. Paris.

News received from America that Gen. Prevost was totally defeated near Charleston. Another vessel reports great illuminations and firing of guns in Elizabethtown and Newark and it was generally believed that Gen. Prevost was vanquished. St. Vincent was captured about the middle of June by Count d'Estaing. Byron and his fleet have gone to St. Christopher. The English West India Fleet of 240 sail has arrived without losing a single ship of the convoy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 113.**

From **R[ichar]d Harrison.** 1779. August 10. Amsterdam.

Apologizing for not having sent the enclosed to Franklin earlier. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 114.**

From **J. C. de Berger.** 1779. August 10. Münster.

Desires to enter the American army with a higher grade than Captain; has a cousin who also wishes to enter the army; begs Franklin to procure a lieutenantcy for him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 115.**

From **[Barbeu] Dubourg.** 1779. August 10. Paris.

Concerning Franklin's project of procuring a loan; believes he knows some one who would undertake it under certain conditions; desires his answers to the nine questions propounded by his principal in this affair; adds one more question on his own account. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 116.**

From **La Loge des Neuf-Sœurs.**

1779. August 11 and 18. St. Germain.

Announcement of a Fête Académique for the benefit of the lodge of Nœuf Sœurs [the Masonic Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Commanders of the Temple]. Printed N. S. 2 p. **LXXIII, 69 and 71.**

Postponement of the above mentioned fête from August 11 to August 18. Printed N. 1 p. **LXXIII, 70.**

From **William Moody and John Crawford.** 1779. August 11.

Hoping Franklin will have compassion on them as American prisoners and procure their release as well as berths on board any Continental ship; begging for some clothes with which to cover their nakedness. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 117.**

From **Amable Hardy.** 1779. August 12. Nantes.

Forwarding the preceding; the assistance he has been enabled to render these prisoners; their longing to return to America. Offers his services in his rôle of merchant. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 118.**

From **Garde de Maligny.** 1779. August 12. Guines.

Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed to his only son, who sailed for America more than two years before and served as aide-de-camp to M. de Coudray; apparently not one of his letters has ever reached him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 119.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. August 12. Madrid.

Informed Franklin in his last letter that he had been granted every liberty and protection by the Count de Florida-Blanca; since then incurred the Governor-Assessor's ill will and has been ordered to retire twenty leagues from the coast till he can prove the authenticity of the passport and certificate signed by Franklin, Lee and Adams; relies on Franklin to obtain him redress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 120.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. August 12. Dunkirk.

Services he hopes to render the French sailors, who belonged to Capt. Conyngham and who were exchanged by the last cartel as Americans. Concerning a report that in England they regard the "Black Prince" as a sort of pirate-ship navigated by a parcel of Irishmen and that those men who were taken will be tried as pirates; effect of this rumor upon the Irish sailors who have flocked to Dunkirk to ship on board other privateers; desires Franklin's opinion of the best steps to take to save the poor men from an ignominious punishment. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 121.**

From **Mercy & Lacaze & Fils.** 1779. August 13. Cadiz.

Safe return of their ship from Philadelphia; left Messrs. Lacaze and Mallet to form a commercial establishment there; their ship to sail for Philadelphia again towards the end of September. Wish to know if a bank is to be established by the united efforts of Congress and France. Desire letters of recommendation for a commercial establishment which they intend to form in Baltimore. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 122.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.**

1779. August 13. On board the "Bon Homme Richard."

Enclosing the proceedings of the court-martial relative to the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Alliance" being run foul of each other. Asks Franklin's advice respecting the proper division of prize-money belonging to the little squadron. M. de Chaumont's journey kind but useless; all the necessary measures for engaging the men were taken before his appearance. Expects to sail the following day. Good understanding prevails among the little squadron. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 123.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.**

1779. August 13. On board the "Alliance."

Unable to comply with Franklin's orders to proceed on a cruise, owing to the sinking of the prize brig on the 27th inst.; will leave the said prize in the hands of Messrs. Gourlade and Moylan. Concerning the charges made by the Captain of the Swedish ship "Victoria" for the maintenance of himself and crew; his reasons for considering them exceedingly unfair. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 124.**

From **God. de Gigglong (?).** 1779. August 14. Paris.

Thinks Franklin has forgotten to answer his letter of the 30th ult. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 125.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. August 14. Paris.

Will direct the person to M. Grand and hopes they can come to some agreement. Recommends M. Grégoire to Franklin's favor; his desire to be intrusted in some way with the welfare of the Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 126.**

From **Conrad Bauer.** 1779. August 16. Dunkerque.

A certain Wagner, of Seerbrücken, has lodged at his house and left without paying his bill. Asks whether Wagner will soon return. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 3.**

From **Sam[ue]l Tabor.** 1779. August 16. Rotterdam.

Begs pardon for troubling Franklin with the enclosed letter, which he desires forwarded to his friend Mr. Gordon. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 127.**

From **John Welsh.** 1779. August 16. Cadiz.

His late partnership with James Duff; in future will carry on the business under his own signature. Forwards the enclosed letter from their friends, Messrs. Ingles & Co., of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 128.**

From **Tirsius Tellejus.** 1779. August 17. Lutetia [Paris].

Hard lot of authors; acknowledges the receipt of assistance twice from Franklin, again asks his aid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) **XV, 129.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. August 17. Havre.

Nothing as yet in motion; impatiently awaiting orders. Desires Franklin's opinion of the ultimate attitude of Great Britain, and of affairs in America. Delighted that his country is doing so much for the noble cause in which he is so deeply engaged. Desires to know when a favorable opportunity occurs of writing to Gen. Washington and his acquaintances in that part of the world. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 130.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. August 17. Bordeaux.

In daily expectation of hearing of the safe arrival of the ships under the convoy of M. La Motte Picquet. Desires to know if there is hope of his receiving any indemnification for the loss of his property in "La Marquise de la Fayette." A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 131.**

From **J. Cary.** 1779. August 18. Paris.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 132.**

From **The Navy Board, Eastern Department.** 1779. August 18. Boston.

In regard to differences which had arisen among the officers of the "Alliance." Matter referred to the Marine Committee of Congress. A. L. S. by J[ames] Warren *et al.* 1 p. **LIV, 56.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. August 18. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for having communicated to Count de Vergennes his letter of the 14th. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 133.**

From **Richard Nairne.** 1779. August 19. Aix.

With Franklin's assistance he might get his parole to England, Mahon or Gibraltar, where he is certain of procuring an exchange of himself and son with persons of equal rank. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 134.**

From **Madame de la Fayette.** 1779. August 19. Paris.

Sends the enclosed letter to Franklin, who, if he desires, may send his answer that night to Havre by a safe opportunity. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 135.**

From **H. Sykes.** 1779. August 20. Paris.

Acquainting Franklin that his large electrical machine is completed. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 136.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. August 20. Aix.

Hopes to furnish proof of his being a native of Virginia and of being impressed on board his Britannic Majesty's ship. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 137.**

From **Tho[ma]s Guinea.** 1779. August 20. Delfthaven.

Is a gunsmith and desires to settle in America; too poor at present to pay his passage money; has a brother, a sail-maker, who wishes to go with him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 138.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. August 21. Passy.

Has had a small case of quinia brought from Bordeaux for Franklin. Requests him to send for it at M. de Chalut's house. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 54.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1779. August 21. Paris.

Sending Franklin a volume published by the Royal Society of Medicine, containing an extract of a paper by Mr. [John] Perkins, a doctor in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 140.**

From **Stephen Marchant.** 1779. August 23. Brest.

His late cruise and the prizes he captured; for fear his last letter went astray, repeats the details of that cruise also, and the disposition made of the prisoners. Has got a new bowsprit and is almost ready for sea again; all hands behave well. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 141.**

From **Mrs. Strange.** 1779. August 23. Paris.

Sending a letter to be forwarded to her friend, Mr. Livingston, formerly of St. John's but whose present address is unknown to her. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 68.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** 1779. August 23. Paris.

Enclosing three newspapers received by way of Amsterdam; all papers are intercepted which come by way of Ostend; desires advice as to the best route in future. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 142.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. August 24. Alicante.

Had an interview with the Minister of State, who told him to return to his house and promised to send the necessary order to the Governor, which he has not done; consequently he has been ordered by the Count de Ricla, Secretary of War, to retire inland and not to carry on his business during the war; again begs Franklin to intercede in his favor; any order for supplies Franklin might charge him with at this time would be of great advantage to him. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 143.**

From ——— **Liger.** 1779. August. 24. Paris.

A receipted bill for 4800 livres, payment for a sword ornamented with gold relief work [presented, by order of the Continental Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette]. A. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 144.**

From **Robert O'Connell.** 1779. August 24. Malaga.

Offering himself as Consul to the United States at any of the ports in Spain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 145.**

From **Charles Blankenberg.** 1779. August 26. Paris.

Has been reduced by misfortunes to the most pitiful destitution; hopes Franklin's generous compassion will bestow some benefit on him. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 146.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1779. August 27. Montbéliard.

Applies to Franklin again to alleviate his miserable condition. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 148.**

From **God. de Gigglong (?).** 1779. August 27. Versailles.

Astonished at receiving no answer to his former letters. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 149.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham.**

1779. August 28. St. Pierre, Martinique.

The troops intended for Georgia have been retained for the defence of St. Christopher and Antigua. Concerning the probable movements of Count d'Estaing's fleet; reasons for thinking that he is engaged on an expedition to Georgia; should he once get possession of Port Royal he could bid defiance to the whole British navy. The enemy repulsed in their attack on Charleston. Hopes America will be encouraged by the attitude of certain of the European powers; the internal divisions in the Colonies give the enemy more courage than all their military achievements. The depreciation of the currency another circumstance of a most alarming nature. Has no doubt of the favorable issue of the war, but regrets that America will have to struggle against various difficulties that might have been obviated. Rumors of the English fleet having been seen near Antigua. A. L. S. 5 p. **XV, 151.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. August 29. Havre.

Thanking Franklin, as a private individual, for the flattering tributes which he added to the noble present just received from Congress; immense effect such a gift has had upon the army. Concerning [William] Temple Franklin's ardent desire to join their expedition to England; points out a way of procuring him for his aide-de-camp. His earnest wish to see more service in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 153.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. August 29. Havre.

Acknowledging the presentation of the sword, a gift from Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 154.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 381).

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. August 29. Bordeaux.

Advised of the capture of one of the ships under the escort of La Motte Picquet; the fate of the other two not yet known; bewails the chain of misfortunes which has attended him. Prevost's defeat confirmed. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 155.**

From ——— **D'amchaga.** [*Circa* 1779.] August 29. Paris.

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine at M. Amelot's. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 19.**

From ——— **Rattier.** 1779. August 30. Tours.

Writes on behalf of four English prisoners at Tours who desire to enter the service of the United States; wishes to know the necessary steps to be taken.

E. by Dr. Franklin. Cannot accept the offer; it is prudent to distrust such offers by Englishmen. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 156.**

From **S. Petrie.** 1779. August 30. Paris.

Concerning the insolent behavior of a fellow called Boush, who was in the employ of Mr. Arthur Lee; wrote to Mr. Lee on the subject, and in return received a most arrogant, insulting and impertinent letter which he treated with silent contempt; lately Mr. Boush has called again and vows he will support his statements with his life and honor; under these circumstances, has thought best to write to the Count de Vergennes, a copy of his letter he encloses. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 157.**

From ——— **Vigneron.** [1779. *Circa* August.]

No reply to his letter of July 4th; his passionate desire to emigrate to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 19.**

From ——— **Capitaine.** 1779. September 1. Havre-de-Grace.

Introducing M. Perrier who engraves his map of the theatre of war in America; desires to send some copies to America, if possible. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 158.**

From **Chevalier de la Luzerne.** 1779. September 1. Boston.

Has been the recipient of endless politeness from Franklin's friends. Gen. Clinton's movements; 1200 men have been made prisoners by the Americans in the different engagements since his arrival; the slight set-back on the Penobscot more than balanced by the ten vessels of the Jamaica fleet taken by the Americans. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 159.**

From ——— **Le Roux.** 1779. September 1. Paris.

During the previous winter sent Franklin a memoir on the establishment of a Bureau of Information and begged him to recommend it to M. Necker. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 160.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1779. September 1. Frankfort.

Has received no letter from Franklin since June, when he appeared unwilling to make any further applications to the French Ministers for the arms, artillery and ammunition for the State of Virginia; desires that Franklin will decline taking any further steps in that business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 161.**

From **Sam[uel] Smith.** 1779. September 2. Nantes.

On his way from Philadelphia to France was captured, and therefore destroyed certain bills in his possession drawn on the Commissioners of the United States; has reason to believe that the other bills of the set were likewise destroyed; warns Franklin against accepting any of these bills without consulting him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 162.**

From ——— **D'amchaga.** [*Circa* 1779.] September 2. Paris.

Inquiring if Dr. Franklin will dine at home. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 20.**

From **Abbé Nolin.** [1779.] September 2. Versailles.

Begging his assistance in finding two boxes of plants sent him from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 45.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. September 3. Aix.

M. Grégoire will convince Franklin that he (Taylor) is no impostor; Mr. Frazer will also have informed Franklin who he is; hopes under these circumstances he may procure his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 163.**

From **Chevalier de Sauseuil.** 1779. September 3. Paris.

Believes Franklin knows enough of him to pity his unemployed state. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 164.**

From **Roger Luscombe.** 1779. September 3. Angers.

Held a prisoner in France; desires Franklin to procure his release and enable him to obtain a passage to America; long ago his friend and cousin, Gen. Horatio Gates, promised him a surgeon's berth in the army, and therefore is anxious to join him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 165.**

From [I.] **Bordot.** 1779. September 4. Rochelle.

Arrival of the frigate "Diligente," belonging to Count d'Estaing's fleet, with express despatches. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 166.**

From **V. I. Bertrand.** 1779. September 4. Ostend.

The enclosed will show the satisfactory settlement of Mr. Peters's affair. Every care and attention paid to Capt. Conyngham as soon as his presence in England was known; will send him whatever he may be in want of. Arrest of Capt. [Thomas] Hutchins, accused of treasonable correspondence with Dr. Franklin, Mr. S. Wharton and other Americans; despairs of being acquitted and has given himself up for lost; likely to be tried by court-martial; other people arrested and their papers seized and examined, particularly a Miss Stafford and a clerk of Mr. Neave. Advice concerning the safety of their correspondence in future. The situation of the two grand fleets presages a great naval combat; a critical hour for Englishmen. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 167.**

From **R[odolph] E[ric] Raspe.** 1779. September 4. London.

Public and private affairs grow worse and worse. His own ruin almost accomplished by a foreign nobleman; narrates the affair in detail; beseeches Franklin's influence and protection to procure him a field for his literary abilities. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 168.**

From ——— **Escudier fils.** 1779. September 5. Toulon.

Applies for permission to serve with the army in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 169.**

From **Fra[nci]s Hopkinson.** 1779. September 5. Philadelphia.

Thanking Franklin for the little piece of Oxford wit; in return, sends a few of his political squibs; ammunition of this kind scarce in America; their writers too deeply engaged in party disputes. Greatly obliged for the loan of Franklin's electrical apparatus; use he is making of it; anxious to hear of any new scientific discoveries. Offices he holds barely enable him to support his family. M. de la Luzerne not yet arrived; this letter goes by M. Gérard who has made himself beloved by everybody except the Tories. Looks forward to seeing Franklin's bust; a good likeness of Washington goes over with M. Gérard, from which capital engravings will doubtless be made at Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 170.**

From [**Edward Bridgen**]. 1779. September 6. London.

Recommending Mr. Sterry and asking Franklin to assist him in his views. L. 1 p. **XV, 171.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. September 6. L'Orient.

Arrival of the schooner, "Grand Tiger" from Fredericksburg, Va., with news of the defeat of the enemy by Gen. Lincoln and of Sir Henry Clinton's refusal to leave his den. Arrival in port of a prize taken by the "Poor Richard." Extract of a letter from Fredericksburg with an account of a plan lately adopted for strengthening the currency; believes that want of reinforcements must soon compel the enemy to relinquish the subjugation of America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 172.**

From **John G. Frazer.** 1779. September 7. Bordeaux.

Cradock Taylor, now a prisoner at Aix, is a native and a subject of the United States; has known his family and friends for years; has supplied Mr. Taylor with a little money. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 173.**

From ——— **Dianot.** 1779. September 7.

No reply to his letter of the 2d inst. concerning M. Gellée. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 174.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet** [**de Vaux**]. 1779. September 7. Paris.

Thinks his sister-in-law must now regret not having had her children inoculated, as there is small-pox in her house at Montmartre; desires to introduce her some day to Franklin. Concerning an experiment for the preservation of wheat and flour in which Franklin will be interested. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 175.**

From **Deacon M. Auer.** 1779. September 7. Ebingen, Württemberg.

Thanks Dr. Franklin for favor shown to a widow in distress (see August 4, 1779, LIX, 35) and encloses fourfold attest with request to forward same to Germantown. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 37.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1779. September 8.

In reference to dinner at Mme. Helvétius's house. 2 Notes. (In French.) **LXX, 53.**

From ——— **Le Duc.** 1779. September 8.

Has written a eulogium on Franklin's genius. Begs Franklin's influence with his Majesty to annul a certain order; is the victim of calumnious enemies and an envious family. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 178.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. September 8. L'Orient.

Requesting his compliance with the annexed letter from Capt. Blackwell of the schooner, "Grand Tiger"; pledge themselves for the faithful performance of any instructions contained in the desired letter of marque. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 179.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1779. September 8. St. Germain.

Their intention to dine with Franklin the Sunday of the ceremony [Mr. Jonathan Williams's Jr., marriage with his daughter]; expects Franklin and his grandson to dinner on Monday when they may judge of the post-nuptial happiness of the young couple. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 180.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779. September 8. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **LIV, 57.**

From ——— **Baumé.** 1779. September 9. Paris.

His efforts to eradicate the spots from the shirt, have failed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 182.**

From ——— **Dessoud (?).** 1779. September 9. Loches.

Enclosing a letter which he begs Franklin to forward to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 183.**

From **Marie Elizabeth Delamoignon.** 1779. September 10. Paris.

Desires news of her nephew, le Chevalier de la Luzerne. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 185.**

From **W. Touzel.** 1779. September 10. Tours.

Begs Franklin to procure passage for America, for himself and their friends who desire to join the service. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 186.**

From **Baron de Holtzendorff.** 1779. September 11. Paris

Requesting Dr. Franklin to appoint a time when he can confer with him on an important matter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 117.**

From **Vicomte de la Potherye d'Andilly.** 1779. September 12. Fort l'Evèque.

In extreme distress on account of debt; throws himself on Franklin's generosity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 189.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. September 12. Dunkirk.

Cheering effect of Franklin's remarks concerning the prisoners and crew of the "Black Prince"; her approaching departure; Mr. Coffyn voices the general desire that her Captain should have a commission. Long delay in the condemnation of the prizes; appeals to Franklin's sense of justice in his misfortunes. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 190.**

From [**Arthur**] **Lee.** 1779. September 12. Paris.

Returning journals to Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 130b.**

From ——— ———. [1779.] September 12. Chaillot.

Has just arrived from the country and wishes to see Dr. Franklin. Asks if she can dine with him to-day. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 63 b.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. September 13. St. Germain.

Desire of Mr. Alexander to ascertain from Lord McCartney the particular situation of his estates and affairs on the island [of Grenada]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 52.**

From **Bartholomew Raredon.** 1779. September 13. Fougères.

An American sailor; his various misfortunes since leaving home; his present imprisonment; hopes Franklin will obtain his release. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 191.**

From **Jacob Emery.** 1779. September 13. Montpelier.

His peculiar fitness for the consulship. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French with an English translation.) **XV, 192.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. September 14. The Hague.

Holland still vacillating in the affair of the convoys. Congratulates him on the good news from the west. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 117.**

From **[Barbeu] Dubourg.** 1779. September 15. Paris.

Commissioned by Mr. Cochin to invite Franklin to dine with him at Chatillon and see his garden, which is renowned for its curious and rare plants. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 194.**

From ——— **Fournier, le jeune.** 1779. September 16. Paris.

Begs Franklin to instruct Lucien Senurier upon certain points connected with the work in hand [the stamping of coin?]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 195.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. September 16. St. Germain.

Believes his industry equal to that of any newly-married man; promises Franklin the paper the next day; sends copies of his accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 53.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1779. September 17.

Has sent M. Genet samples of metal intended for the current coin; terms on which like coin would be delivered; if a die is needed, that may also be procured. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 196.**

From **Girardot, Haller & Co.** 1779. September 17. Paris.

Enclosing a letter and offering to take charge of any answer. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XV, 197.**

From **W[illia]m Bett.** 1779. September 18. Brest.

Writes on behalf of himself and two other Americans on board the "Gentle Frigate" who are eager to return home; certain that they can be of assistance on board some American vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 198.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1779. September 18. Philadelphia.

The Chevalier de la Luzerne not yet arrived; hopes he may compensate them for the loss of M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] who enjoyed the esteem of all men, unbiassed by party views. His own opposition to the Constitution of Pennsylvania as well as to parties in Congress, has procured him much unmerited abuse; armed with conscious innocence and unshaken integrity, has never failed to route his enemies. A. L. S. 2 p. (In triplicate.) **XV, 199.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. September 18. Dunkirk.

Enclosing copy of a French regulation concerning the formalities to be observed in the condemnation of prizes; advisability of avoiding these difficulties in future by taking French commissions for the "Black Prince" and "Princess"; reasons against such a step; unparalleled success of the "Black Prince" in capturing upwards of thirty vessels in the course of three months; suggests that these two privateers should cruise together in order that the large number of prisoners they will take may be exchanged for Americans in English prisons. The approaching arrival at Dunkirk of the "Black Prince"; desires instructions as to the maintenance of any English prisoners who may be on board. A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 200.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1779. September 19. Warwick.

Family news; poor health of Mrs. Mecom; loves to hear of Franklin's health and of his releasing them from the British yoke. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 201.**

From **Baron de Heimenthal.** 1779. September 20. Valence du Minho.

Wishes to serve in the American army; desires to form artillery corps, to choose his own officers and to have no one placed over him. Encloses anonymous letter of reference which recommends him to Franklin's notice in the highest terms and mentions various other foreign officers whose services would be invaluable to America, especially those in Portugal. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XV, 202.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & Brothers Rocquette.** 1779. September 20. Rotterdam.

Enclosing a parcel for Franklin, and one for A. Lee to be forwarded to his present address. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 203.**

From [**Benjamin Vaughan**]. 1779. September 20. London.

Concerning the time of publication of Franklin's works. Sluggish attitude of John Bull. Promises to send further conjectures on the subject of the "Aurora." Crawford's book on "Heat" most admirable. Account of Mr. Henly's having deliberately cut his throat with a pen-knife. Begs for the immediate return of his three manuscripts as he has made no copies. A. L. 4 p. **XV, 204.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1779. September 21. London.

Begs Franklin to write a letter of recommendation for Langford Lovell and address it to the Governor of Dominica, and at the same time send a duplicate there to Lovell. Desires Franklin to procure him a table or map of Dupont's System of the Economists. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 205.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. September 21.

Expects to set out the next day to meet the person and deliver Franklin's letter and instructions. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 118.**

From ——— **de Samson.** 1779. September 22. Paris.

Implores Franklin's assistance for himself and family. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 206.**

From ——— **Bertinot.** 1779. September 22. Paris.

Begging Franklin to intercept and return to him a letter addressed by him to M. Gellée, which circumstances have caused him to regret having written. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 207.**

From **Ann Conyngham.** 1779. September 22. Philadelphia.

Entreats his intercession on behalf of her husband, Capt. Conyngham, of the cutter "Revenge," taken prisoner in April and under sentence of death in England. Begs him to forward the enclosed letter as directed, since it may be the means of affording some relief to her poor husband. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XV, 208.**

From **Peter Vesey & others.** 1779. September 22. Dunkirk.

A number of sailors, whose time on a French cutter is almost expired, desire Franklin to procure them a passage back to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 206½.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1779. September 22. L'Orient.

Has received information from Philadelphia of the misfortunes of Capt. Conyngham of the "Revenge"; he has been sent to England in irons with the intention of having him tried for piracy; charged with having taken the Harwich packet without having any commission; urges Franklin to prove this accusation false and to do all in his power for the unfortunate man who can expect no mercy at the hands of the English on account of the great harm he has done them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 209.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 344.

From **Sam[ue]l Smith.** 1779. September 23. Nantes.

Sorry that he was not sufficiently explicit in his former letter, but had destroyed necessary data. Acknowledging receipt of bills of exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 210.**

From **Charles Phelps.** 1779. September 23. Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of the poor sufferers of Charlestown near Boston; their impoverished and wretched condition; their town pillaged and laid waste by British barbarians; begs Franklin to appeal to the King of France, the nobility and the gentry for aid; cites instances in ancient history of countries helping each other; effect of such broad charities. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 211.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** [1779.] September 23. Chaillot.

Inquires if he will be at home to-morrow afternoon. The Comtesse de Beauharnois wishes to pay him a visit. The Chevalier de Cubières, a man of letters, author of several works in prose and verse, has also desires to pay him a visit. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 277 a.**

From **Duc de Villequier.** 1779. September 23. Courteille(?).

Desires instructions for the placing of lightning rods on his town and country house; thinks little of the danger himself but wishes to take all possible precautions on behalf of his family; desires also to be an example to the neighboring proprietors. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XV, 212.**

From ——— **Capitaine.** 1779. September 23. Havre.

Requesting Franklin to forward the enclosed letters. Hopes to see him soon at Havre. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 213.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. September 23. Dunkirk.

Thinks the judgment and his request to the Admiralty will determine them to sell the prizes. His reasons for soliciting American commissions for his vessels; Irishmen will not fight under French colors. Dissatisfaction expressed by the sailors of the "Black Prince" with the master, Stephen Marchant, and their intention of begging Franklin to replace him by the brave Luke Ryan. Urges Franklin to procure the exchange of the twenty-one prisoners taken from the prizes of the "Black Prince" and to send them to Dunkirk to man the "Black Princess." A. L. S. 4 p. **XV, 214.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. September 23. Bordeaux.

Encloses packets brought by Capt. Bonin from Boston; Captain reports that on account of British reinforcements at Penobscot, the Americans were obliged to destroy their shipping and abandon their attempt. Arrival in Virginia of the "Governor Livingston" and "Mary Fearon"; the "Chasseur" taken and sent to New York. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 215.**

From [**Dr.**] **Th[omas] Bond.** 1779. September 24. Philadelphia.

The departure of M. Gérard affords an opportunity of sending messages to Franklin from his friends, Luke Morris, Hugh Roberts and S. Rhoads; speaks of Israel's death being a great loss to the Quakers. The poor-house and hospitals almost untenanted; can scarcely find material for his clinical lectures. Election of Gérard to the American Philosophical Society; presented him with a certificate and a volume of the Transactions emblematically bound. Wrote an essay in defence of inoculation; begs Franklin to give it a friendly reading. News of the Bond family. Hopes now for a more frequent literary correspondence between America and Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 216.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. September 24. Dunkirk.

Announcing the arrival of the "Black Prince"; officers report but indifferent success, only two prizes; wishes for Franklin's instructions as to the eighteen prisoners on board. A. L. S. 2 p. **XV, 217.**

From ——— **de Flachenfeld.** 1779. September 25. Erlangen.

Begs Franklin to procure him a place in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 218.**

From **Vincenzio Martinelli.** 1779. September 25. Florence.

Sends a copy of his History of England, dedicated to Thomas Walpole, at whose home he met Franklin several times; recommends M. Jean Baptiste la Bordet to Franklin's kind protection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 219.**

From **Raby du Moreau.** 1779. September 25. Bordeaux.

Begs for an immediate answer to several questions concerning fighting at Charlestown and the defeat of Prevost. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 220.**

From **Capt. De Freÿ.** 1779. September 26. Cremona.

Desires that the enclosed letter be forwarded to his brother in America who is Captain in the Count du Pulaski's regiment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 221.**

From ——— **Maussallé.** 1779. September 26. Paris.

Asking for an interview in the interest of a merchant of Dunkirk. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 222.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. September 26. Paris.

Congress, while continuing him as their Commissioner to the Court of Spain, has failed to supply him with the necessary funds; if Franklin cannot furnish him with money for his expenses, will return forthwith to America, and deliver up a commission for whose execution the means are not provided. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 223.**

From **J[oseph] Priestley.** 1779. September 27. Calne.

His successful experiments since the publication of his last volume; vegetation of plants in water; Dr. Fothergill and friends to assist him in defraying the expenses of his next publication. A. L. S. 3 p. **XV, 224.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 423).

From ——— **Moreau.** 1779. September 28. Paris.

Sends the razors, in order that Franklin may try them before recommending them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XV, 225.**

From ——— **Lucy.** 1779. September 28. Meaux.

Begs Franklin's intercession on behalf of several American sailors, now prisoners in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XV, 226.**

From **Stephen Marchant.** 1779. September 29. Dunkirk.

Safe arrival in the "Black Prince"; has ten prisoners in Dunkirk jail. Is just setting out for Ostend to take command of the frigate, the "Countess of Berigèn"; will wait on Franklin in a few days with the journal of his entire cruise. A. L. S. 1 p. **XV, 227.**

From ——— **Delagrange.** 1779. September 29. Brancourt.

His wife and children suffering for want of food; implores Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 228.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1779. September 29. Philadelphia.

Refers to Resolutions of Congress [of July 26, 1779] that medals to commemorate the storming of Stony Point be struck, and asks that Franklin have them made as soon as possible. Colonel Henry, a gallant actor on the occasion, who bears this letter may be able to assist the medallist. A. L. S. Rob[ert] Troup, Secretary. 2 p. **LIV, 59.**

From **Brilhac** [?]. 1779. September 29. Rennes.

Project to make Concarneau, in Brittany, a free port for the Americans; advantages of the port. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 37.**

From **Samuel Wharton.** 1779. September 29. Paris.

Returns the Journals of Congress and the newspapers with thanks; details concerning the price of copper in 1770. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XV, 229.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1779. September 30. Paris.

Desiring a letter of introduction for a young Frenchman, M. de Valmer, who expects to travel in America; Madame de Cheminot, one of Franklin's most ardent admirers, seconds this request. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XV, 230.**

From **M. Brillon.** [1779. *Circa* September.]

Has just arrived from Havre. Called to greet Dr. Franklin and his grandson and to present the compliments of Marquis de la Fayette whom he saw at Havre. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 34.**

From **C[yrus] Griffin.** 1779. September —. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a packet of letters to be delivered to their address. Praises M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] in the highest terms; the enormous expense of entertaining prevented their paying him all the attention he merited. Reason why Congress thought of recalling all the Commissioners. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) **XV, 231.**

From **William Scot.** 1779. October 1. L'Orient.

An American subject; served on a French privateer; when he applied for his freedom to go on board an American vessel, he was turned over to a French man-of-war; on refusing to serve he was committed to prison; other American sailors in the same plight; begs Franklin to obtain their release. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 1.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1779. October 2. Montigny.

Solicits his interest on behalf of a Mrs. Butler, who was taken by the "Black Prince" and lost some bonds and effects. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 2.**

From **James Turing & Son.** 1779. October 2. Middelburg.

Their vessel, "De Brunetta," with a cargo of fruit and wine, was seized as a prize by the American privateer "General Mifflin"; desires indemnity as well as immediate restitution of their property. A. L. S. 12 p. **XVI, 2½.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.**

1779. October 2. At the Helder, near the Road of Texel.

Waiting in this obscure corner for Franklin's friend. Information of the tremendous profits made by Messrs. Fiz[eaux] and G[ran]d on the arms sold to the Americans. Gave one of Mr. Bache's circular letters to Messrs. de Neufville & Sons. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 119.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.**

1779. October 3. From the Helder, Road of Texel.

The damage inflicted by Paul Jones's squadron; capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 120.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. October 4. "Alliance," off Texel.

Transmitting the material parts of his journal of their late cruise, from August 14th to October 3d; their fleet consisted of the "Bon Homme Richard," "Alliance," "Monsieur," "Pallas" and the armed brigs "Vengeance" and "Grandville." A. L. S. 7 p. **XVI, 4.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. October 5. Dunkirk.

Wishes directions in regard to liberating, on security, certain prisoners taken by the "Black Prince." Lists and details concerning prisoners. Intelligence received of the successes of the American Squadron in the German ocean and of the capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough." Hopes Commodore Paul Jones will be able to reach the coast of Norway and repair damages, before the English squadron attacks him. A. L. S. 5 p. **XVI, 3.**

From **W[illiam] Greene.** 1779. October 5. Warwick, R. I.

Thanking him for his kindness towards his son-in-law and Ray. Prevented from seeing the Chevalier de la Luzerne. Thanks him on behalf of the General Assembly of Rhode Island for the gift of Bennger's History of Geneva, in 6 volumes. Glad to hear of Franklin's grandson being so useful. Franklin's sister has sent him two letters and a dozen cakes of soap and expects to write him again shortly. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 6.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. October 6. Havre.

Delighted with the news of the capture of the Baltic fleet by Capt. Jones; this good news counteracts the impression of sorrow left by Sir George Collier's expedition. Trusts to Count d'Estaing to revenge their injuries, though not with the cruelty practised by their enemies. His reasons for regretting that he did not rejoin Washington's army; thought he could be of more service on the other side of the Atlantic. Hopes America will soon receive the much-needed supplies of clothes, arms and ammunition. Asks his opinion in regard to aiding the Irish. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 7.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.**

1779. October 6. At the Helder, Road of Texel.

All the vessels safe in the Road; mentions their names; delivered Franklin's letter to the Commodore [Jones]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 121.**

From **Dufourny de Villiers.** 1779. October 6. Havre.

Comte de Chillau, Commander of the frigate "Diligente," desires permission to wait on and relate to him various matters of interest. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 8.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. October 7. Amsterdam.

Arrival of John Paul Jones, whose orders they have carried out to the best of their ability. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 9.**

From **A. C. Schüler.** 1779. October 8. Brunswick.

Begs him to forward the enclosed letters to his brother, in the Duke of Brunswick's regiment, who was among those surrendered with General Burgoyne. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 10.**

From **A**[**melia**] **Barry.** 1779. October 8. Leghorn.

Her long and painful residence at Barbary brought to an end. Franklin having been deaf to her repeated supplications in favor of Mr. Barry, has little hope of this letter being honored with any notice. Desires his advice concerning the Proprietary grant for a piece of ground in the Province of Pennsylvania. Annexes a copy of a poem written to James Traile and his lady. A. L. S. 7 p. **XVI, 11.**

From ——— **Capitaine.** 1779. October 8. Havre.

Grateful for the kind things said à propos of the map; begs that several copies should be sent to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 5.**

From **Luke Ryan.** 1779. October 8. Dunkirk.

Expects to have a large cutter completed in four months, with which he hopes to do great damage to the enemy. If his abilities deserve Franklin's protection, begs for a rank in the United States navy; regards American cause as his own. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 12.**

From **Tho[ma]s Oliver.** 1779. October 8. London.

Complains of the terms which the Comte de Durat has laid upon the inhabitants and absentee proprietors of the captured island of Grenada; if the Court of Versailles will not relax the proclamation, their estates must suffer considerably; begs Franklin's interest in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 13.**

From **B[enjamin] V[aughan].** 1779. October 8. London.

Asking for letters for Mr. [Thomas] Oliver to the French Governors of Grenada and St. Vincent; may desire letters for his own family in the future; Mr. [William] Manning will request letters only in case of an accident to St. Kitts. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 14.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1779. October 8. Havre.

Encloses letter to Congress assuring them of his love and gratitude, a packet for General Washington, letters for officers in the American army, and one to the President of Congress with letters to various of the members. Desires news of the lately arrived frigate belonging to Count d'Estaing's fleet; thanks him for the painting of Gen. Washington. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 15.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. October 8. Dunkirk.

Begs Franklin to send on the commission for the "Black Princess." Knows nothing of the "Black Prince of Salem." Capt. Ryan and officers did not fire at the "Good Will" with English colors, albeit they have always been decoyed in this manner by the English. Hopes that a title in the U. S. Navy can be obtained for the brave Mr. Ryan;

the new cutter being built for him at Boulogne; great things to be expected from such a ship and captain. The new commander of the "Black Prince," Mr. Patrick Dowlin; his strong recommendations for the prisoners; question of his commission. Exchange of prisoners. The retaking of the "Hopewell," Capt. Bell, by the brilliant privateer of Jersey. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 16.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. October 8. Amsterdam.

His reception at Amsterdam. Anything consonant with the good of the common cause will always meet with his full attention, but he can accept of no honor that could call in question his ardent attachment to the American cause. Difficulties in the way of a court-martial for Capt. Landais; will await Franklin's orders before taking any measures in regard to the trial; discusses who is to take the place of Landais as Captain of the "Alliance." Needs more officers. The refitting of the "Serapis," "Countess of Scarborough" and "Vengeance." Far from desiring a quarrel with M. [Paul] de Chamillard, wishes to know him long as a friend but not as a master. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 17.**

From **Arthur Lee.** 1779. October 8. Paris.

Informed by Franklin on the 17th ult. that the Count de Vergennes has charged himself with inquiries regarding the attitude of the Court of Spain in respect to the conclusion of the treaty; begs to be informed what answer, if any, has been received. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 18.**

From **J. Meyer.** 1779. October 8. Dunkirk.

Claims a share of the prizes taken by the "Ranger," Capt. Jones, when he served as a volunteer; cannot proceed in the matter without Franklin's authorization. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 19.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. October 9. Dunkirk.

Resignation of Stephen Marchant as Captain of the "Black Prince"; question of making out his commission in favor of Patrick Dowlin. Movements of the "Edgar," "Dromedary" and "Diamond." The "Black Prince" and "Princess" almost ready for sea. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 20.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. October 9. Dunkirk.

Introduces Capt. Marchant who is about to leave for Paris with the intention of returning to America; begs Franklin to advise him in what manner to proceed. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 21.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.**

1779. October 9. The "Alliance," off the Texel.

Enclosing plan of engagement with the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough" in the night of September 23d. Articles, stores and men needed to get the "Alliance" into proper condition; desires to have French deserters enlisted at Amsterdam as fifty more men are needed to man the ship properly; repairs needed. Sees, by the regulations concerning the navigation of neutral ships, that the Swede he took in February will be condemned. Good behavior of his crew during the last cruise; speaks highly of two gentlemen of family, volunteers: a Mr. Spencer of South Carolina, and a Mr. Ingraham of Boston; hopes to see their merit rewarded. Has just heard of the accusations against him of Capt. Jones; extremely indignant; begs for an instant trial. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 22.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. October 10. Valenciennes.

Has heard of the probable dismissal of the Captain of the "Alliance"; offers to take command of her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 23.**

From **[Charles Eléonor] Dufriche De Valazé.**

1779. October 10. Sées.

Wishes property arranged on socialistic basis. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XVI, 24.**

From **B[enjamin] V[aughan].** 1779. October 10. London.

Enclosure from Mr. Thomas Oliver. Has deferred preparing a copy of his analysis of Mr. Crawford's book. Thinks by this time Franklin has received his own papers, also a corrected plate of Cotopaxi, taken from Bouguer, who differs greatly from an English translation of Ulloa, which is full of mistakes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 25.**

From **G. B. [David Hartley].** 1779. October 11. London.

Sends copy of a letter he wrote Franklin on the 29th of June, which he fears, miscarried. Still eager for an opportunity of forwarding the blessed work of peace, and, in the name of philanthropy, desires a speedy end of war. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 26.**

From **Tristram Dalton.** 1779. October 11. Newburyport.

If nothing respecting the within-mentioned loss has been done, renews his request on behalf of the owner. A. E. by Franklin, "Papers relating to the 'Fair Play,' Capt. Giddings." A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 27.**

From **Cha[rle]s W[illia]m Blunt.** 1779. October 11.

Recommending Mr. Suard, whose affairs are deeply involved by the capture of Grenada. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 28.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1779. October 11. Havre.

From private intelligence, has reason to believe that a negotiation is pending, a place having been pointed out for a meeting of the various Ministers and Envoys; the interests of the United States will be chiefly in the hands of the French; reasons for doubting the ability of the French diplomatists in such an affair; much as he is wedded to military renown, offers his services to America upon this occasion; his heart set on American independence; the only man of his rank who is acquainted with American affairs; desires Franklin to place this proposition before Count de Vergennes; entreats the strictest secrecy and begs that this letter may be burnt. A. L. 4 p. **XVI, 30.**

From **[Sir George] Grand.** 1779. October 11. Amsterdam.

Enclosing letters and packets. Sent him a box of the best "kinkina" [quinine] which he trusts he will have no need for. Great sensation created at Amsterdam by Capt. Jones, who has not as yet honored him with a visit; M. de Neufville has taken possession of him and exhibits him as a curiosity. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 31.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. October 11. London.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; desires a passport for the cartel ship to Morlaix, and a list of prisoners ready for exchange there;

concerning the other proposition of exchanging by written agreement. Description of Mr. John Stephenson, in whose favor he applied to Franklin in a previous letter; urges his release. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 32.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. October 11. Amsterdam.

Has determined to retain the Captain of the "Serapis" as a hostage for Conyngham's release as a prisoner of war; is willing to set all his other prisoners at liberty if the English Ambassador will give security in his public character that an equal number of Americans shall be sent at once to France. Unseemly conduct of Landais; his extraordinary demand for supplies of every kind; has ventured to reduce these requests to one tenth the amount; anxious to form a court-martial. Thinks his prisoners will number four hundred; will forward list of killed and wounded, a loss far exceeded by the enemy's. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 33.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. October 11. Amsterdam.

Sir Joseph Yorke's private application to have the wounded prisoners landed and taken care of; if this is done, believes they would be claimed forthwith as English subjects; importance of forwarding an exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 34.**

From **M. E. Stevens.** 1779. October 12. London.

Begs Franklin's interest on behalf of Mr. Currie, Captain of an English privateer, now a prisoner at Tours, who desires to be exchanged, or, if that is impossible, to have leave of absence to return to England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 35.**

From **Peter Collas.** 1779. October 12. Boston.

This goes with the Captain of the "Sensible," together with a case of twenty-four cakes of Crown Soap, which Franklin's sister [Mecom] made at Governor Green's. Question of undertaking the business of soap-making; the expense at present too great. Their market scarcely sufficient to supply three quarters of the inhabitants. Messages from Mrs. Mecom, Gov. Greene and Mrs. Collas. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 36.**

From **H. I. Greelaud.** 1779. October 12. Nantes.

Sending him six bills of exchange received from St. Domingo for acceptance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 37.**

From **Sam[uel] Vaughan & Son.** 1779. October 12. London.

Introducing Mr. Suard, who goes to France to solicit more moderate terms for the interest of his concerns in Grenada. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 38.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. October 12. The Hague.

Extracts of his letters to Commodore Jones relative to his next cruise. The squadron to leave as soon as they are refitted. Fears the Captain of the "Alliance" [Landais] is a mischievous fellow. Warm welcome given Jones by the people of Amsterdam. Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial claiming that the "Serapis" and "Scarborough" are not legal prizes, being taken by rebel subjects of England. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIX, 122.**

From **[Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.** 1779. October 14. Versailles.

The case of François Vermeille, who embarked on an American corsair, "The Revenge," in 1777, but, having been transferred to one of her prizes with several other sailors, they were captured by two English frigates; he now claims his share of the fourteen prizes taken by the "Revenge," which, so far, Mr. Coffyn has refused to give him; desires Franklin's opinion in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 40.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1779. October 14. Boston.

Recommending Mr. Jeremiah Allen to Franklin's civilities. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 40½.**

From **Jean Rousseaux.** 1779. October 14. Wakefield.

Desires his exchange; has been in the service of Congress and was Captain on board the American vessel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 41.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1779. October 14. Havre.

Doctor Roemer, of Zurich, desires to settle in America; he has recommended the gentleman to Congress, but as it is a question of learning, prefers that his own praises should be backed by an endorsement from Franklin; waits with the greatest impatience for news of Count d'Estaing; hopes which he entertains. His use of the word "our" in referring to the Americans. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 42.**

From **R[ichard] Price.** 1779. October 14. Newington Green.

Enclosing a letter for Arthur Lee which, if not delivered, he desires burnt. News of Dr. Priestley and Dr. Ingen Housz. The Society of Honest Whigs. Concerned at the death of Dr. Winthrop. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 43.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 395).

From ——— **Trullon.** 1779. October 15. Rouen.

Has forwarded to Franklin the box of quinine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 44.**

From **Silas Deane.** 1779. October 15. Headquarters.

Introducing M. [Pierre] Colomb, who came out to America with the Marquis de la Fayette and served with honor in the army. He can give information of the state of the army and its operations. Hopes to embrace Franklin in Paris in the course of the winter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 45.**

From ——— **Coder.** 1779. October 17. Paris.

Gratitude for the interest taken in his brother in connection with M. de Sartine; begs him to read the enclosed memoir asking for assistance for M. Dubourg's nephew, left penniless by the death of his uncle. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 46.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1779. October 17. Forbach.

Expressing his devotion and gratitude towards Franklin; begs for news of him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 47.**

From **Danniel Stuart.** 1779. October 18. Dinan.

Desires his release from prison and a passage on board an American ship. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 48.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. October 18. Amsterdam.

Sir Joseph's memorial and the Admiralty's decision thereon. Reasons why it will be well for the squadron not to delay their departure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 123.**

From **Ja[me]s Cuming.** 1779. October 18. L'Orient.

Will deliver letter, directed to Mr. [James] Lovell, to the Captain of the sloop with instructions to destroy it in case of necessity. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 50.**

From **Rich[ar]d Booth and John Brevitt.** 1779. October 18. Ostend.

Articled to an attorney of eminence in London; their growing sympathy with American affairs; their ardent desire to serve as officers in the Provincial Army; are about to start for Paris in the hope of obtaining an interview. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 51.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. October 18. L'Orient.

Have received orders from Captain Jones to forward any letters to him through Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 52.**

From **John G. Frazer.** 1779. October 19. Bordeaux.

Expects to sail for America; offers to take charge of any packets, Renews his intercessions on behalf of Mr. Cradock Taylor, a prisoner at Aix. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 49.**

From [**Jules,**] **Comte de Montfort.** 1779. October 19. Paris.

Desiring the return of his "Plan on the General Education of the Distinguished American Youth" with Franklin's observations thereon. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 53.**

From **Adam Crossley.** 1779. October 19. Dinan Castle.

Is in a French prison for refusing to serve under French colors; is an American sailor; begs Franklin to procure him his liberty and give him a pass to his own country. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 54.**

From ——— **Bourgeois.** 1779. October 19. Paris.

Desires information relative to a bill of exchange payable to Philip Allen. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 55.**

From ——— **Stadel.** 1779. October 20. Paris.

A project for raising a force, which will be serviceable to America in times of war and peace, by a Colonel in the service of the King of Prussia who wishes to remain incognito. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVI, 56.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. October 21. Amsterdam.

Capt. Moses Grinnell, having fallen into the hands of an English ship, was robbed of all letters and bills of exchange; thinks they will have time to take the necessary precautions to prevent the bills being presented. Capt. Robinson's imprisonment and the cause of it. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 58.**

From **Richard Brocklesby.** 1779. October 22. London.

Lieutenant Richard Croft, a prisoner at Charlottesville, Virginia; begs for his release from captivity on the established terms of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 59.**

From ——— **Lafreté.** 1779. October 22. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for the coins (?) he was kind enough to send him; Mr. Holker desires others like them. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 60.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. October 22. Amsterdam.

Extracts from letters of M. Cottineau [de Kloguene], the Duc de la Vauguyon, Dumas and Commodore Jones, relative to the pursuit and capture of several deserters from the squadron [4 p.]; prospect of the squadron's being repaired and ready for sea in about a week. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 124.**

From [**Lieut.-Gen.**] **Gratien.** 1779. October 22. Morlaix.

Difficulties in the way of acceding to the demand of a Mme. Butler, who claims a thousand pounds indemnity for loss of property on board the "Dublin." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 61.**

From **Girardot, Haller & Co.** 1779. October 23. Paris.

Mr. William Bingley, of Rotterdam, is about to proceed to America; instructions or introductions from Franklin will be greatly appreciated. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 62.**

From **J. Grillet.** 1779. October 24. Winchester.

Surgeon on board an American corsair; captured by the English; has been two years in prison in England; begs assistance to regain his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 64.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. October 24. "The Helder."

Why he has been prevented from complying with Franklin's order of the 15th inst.; does not wish to go without a certificate from Mr. Cottineau [de Kloguene]. Captain of the "Pallas," who is ill, but fears that if he stays longer, Franklin or the French Minister will suspect him of delaying matters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 65.**

From [**Edme Jacques**] **Genet.** [*Circa* 1779.] October 24. Versailles.

Transmitting several interesting papers from the Royal American Gazette; calls attention to the aspersions and lies they contain; desires Franklin's observations thereon for publication; they will appear as if by some anonymous writer in London. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. **XL, 204.**

From ——— **Traxler.** 1779. October 25. Stanz.

His project of bringing Swiss and German troops to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 66.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. October 25. Amsterdam.

Believes that the reply of the States-General to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial will be very satisfactory to Congress. Begs for the return of the proposed treaty. General discomfiture in England. Mr. Sayre anxious to have the letters of marque promised by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 125.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. October 25. Aix.

Encloses proofs of his being an American; rather than go into the English service again, will enter the French, provided there is no hope of his returning to his native country. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 67.**

From ——— **Le Brun.** 1779. October 25. Paris.

Desired by Messrs. de la Goaner, of Corunna, to find out if Arthur Lee is still the Deputy of Congress at the Court of Spain, as it has been some time since they have been honored with his correspondence. They are also anxious to hear some news of Capt. Conyngham, concerning whose fate they are uneasy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 68.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. October 25. Amsterdam.

Promising to fill all orders for the supplies of the American squadron. Holland's friendly attitude towards America. A. L. S. 2 p.

XVI, 69.

From **Henry Du Bois.** 1779. October 26. Amsterdam.

Has rendered essential service to American Captains and prisoners escaped from England; would like a share of his orders and commissions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 70.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. October 26. London.

Fearing that his letters relative to an exchange of prisoners have failed to reach Franklin, copies three of them; the first, dated Sept. 1st, promises to recommend to Government Franklin's propositions respecting the best method of releasing prisoners of war, desires Franklin's mediation in the case of Capt. Tattwell, an English prisoner; the second letter, dated Sept. 18th, discusses the question of a third exchange and begs Franklin's intercession on behalf of another English prisoner, Mr. John Stevenson; for the third letter, see page 154, XVI, 32. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 71.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. October 26. London.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners; desires Franklin's intervention in the case of Capt. Stephenson, and another English prisoner. A detailed account of Captain Conyngham's treatment since his capture by the English; his present imprisonment at Plymouth, where he is tolerably well off; thinks this should be made known in America, in order that the three officers confined in the jail at Philadelphia "to abide his fate" may also receive better treatment; evils arising from retaliation in the treatment of prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 71½.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1779. October 27. L'Orient.

Introducing Mr. Louis Le Grand, a well-known merchant of Havre, who has shown a particular attachment to the American cause. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 72.**

From **Sim[o]n Samson.** 1779. October 28. Nantes.

According to instructions received from the Navy Board at Boston, awaits Franklin's orders before sailing for America; reasons why he desires to hasten his departure. Several destitute American officers and sailors at Nantes, to whom he would willingly give a passage, provided the Continent would furnish them with provisions and stores. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 73.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1779. October 28. Nantes.

Desires to know whether an American settling in France is esteemed a subject of his Catholic Majesty and therefore liable to certain taxes; upon the answer depends his continued residence in France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 74.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. October 28. Amsterdam.

Holland's decision to admit the American squadron on the same footing as the vessels of other foreign powers. Begs for the return of the proposed treaty with his remarks thereupon. Recommending Capt. Robinson, captain of an American merchant ship who, with his son, escaped from the English. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIX, 126.**

From **John Locke.** 1779. October 28. Nantes.

An American sailor, captured by the English; after his release, went on board a whaler and was taken by the French; begs Franklin to obtain his liberty. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 75.**

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1779. October 29. Cüstrin.

His son, Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben, entered the American army in Sept. 1777, with the rank of General; since then, they have received no news of him; begs to know if he is still alive; hopes Franklin will not refuse this favor to two old people. A. L. S. 2 p. (In German with a copy in French.) **XVI, 76.**

From **James Turing & Son.** 1779. October 29. Middelburg.

Thanking Franklin for the interest he has taken in their efforts to reclaim the brig "Brunetta," seized by Capt. Babcock; in accordance with Franklin's recommendation, they have invested Mr. Jonathan Williams, of Boston, with full powers to demand redress from the Government of Massachusetts Bay. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 77.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. October 29. The Hague.

Enclosing the opinion of the College of Admiralty at Amsterdam in answer to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s memorial letter received from Newfoundland from Wm. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (2 p. in French.) **XXXIX, 127.**

From **[Capt. Joseph] Varage.** 1779. October 29. L'Orient.

Sends Franklin a signal code which he arranged with Capt. Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 78.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1779. October 29. Rouen.

Concerning Mrs. Butler's claim for property lost at sea; his wife presents her compliments, and is glad Franklin liked the apple jelly. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 79.**

From **[Pierre François André] Méchain.** 1779. October 30. Paris.

Begging Franklin's protection on behalf of M. de Roemer, who desires to settle in America, and about whom the Marquis de la Fayette has already written. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 80.**

From **——— Gautray.** 1779. October 30. Dourdan.

Begs Franklin to procure him some occupation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 82.**

From **Chevalier O'Gorman.** 1779. October 30. Tonnerre.

The quantity of that year's vintage small, but the quality excellent; mentions prices at which he hopes to furnish Franklin with several casks. Good wishes for the success of Count d'Estaing; reminds Franklin of his desire to become one day a subject of the United States. Hopes to receive a visit from Franklin when America is free and there will be plenty of time to enjoy the fruits of his vintage. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 82½.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. October 31. The Hague.

Copies of letters from M. de la Vauguyon and Dumas to Jones, à propos of his departure with the squadron for Dunkirk; second furious memorial printed by Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]; advisability of the squadron

leaving before Holland weakens. The affair of the unlimited convoys no nearer completion. Mr. Izard at Amsterdam. Vessel being built there after Mr. Sayre's pattern. Affair of the deserters from the "Serapis." A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIX, 128.**

From **[Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir.** 1779. November 1. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter and promising to have Mr. Smith carefully watched; will give orders to the police officer to wait on Franklin for certain necessary details. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 83.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. November 1. Amsterdam.

M. Dumas gone to the Hague. The American squadron to be placed on the same footing as the French men-of-war, so that the English spies at the Helder may do as little harm as possible. Desires to see the Danish pay forfeit in American possessions for their disrespect towards the Colonies of the United States at Bergen and for their adoption of the English party. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 84.**

From ——— **Marassé.** 1779. November 1. Mareuil.

Desiring news of Béchet de Rochefontaine who embarked for America in 1778 and entered the army with the rank of Major. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 85.**

From **Jean Haag.** 1779. November 1. Boulogne-sur-mer.

Born in Charleston; served on board an American corsair until captured by the English; his arrival in France destitute of everything; begs Franklin to pay his debts and to procure him passage to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 86.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779?] November 1st. La Thuillerie.

Only the expectation of a happier life beyond the grave enables us to bear this one, where we have continually to part with friends. In heaven we shall all meet again, never to be separated. Gives her idea of what heaven will be like. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 35.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Oct., 1906, 38.

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. November 2. Havre.

Glad that Irish patriots are beginning to stir. Desires Franklin's opinion in regard to the situation in Great Britain. Hears that Capt. Conyngham is to be exchanged; attributes this clemency to fear of retaliation. Describes the conduct of the Danes toward America as dirty; despises them too much to feel great anger, but thinks Jones might take some little revenge on them. Begs for any news from "home." A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 87.**

From **J. C. de Berger.** 1779. November 2. Münster.

Desires positions for himself and cousin in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 90.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. November 2. The Hague.

Quotes from M. de Neufville to show the efforts of the English to cause trouble in the American squadron. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 129.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. November 3. The Hague.

Enclosing copies of the permission to land the wounded British prisoners, and of the agreement between the American and English Commodores. [4 p.] Necessity of his having a secretary to help him with the work; understands the Messrs. Lee had such aids with far less reason. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 130.**

From **James Adams.** 1779. November 3. Mill Prison.

In want of the absolute necessaries of life; asks for a small supply of money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 88.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. November 3. Alicante.

The enclosed Spanish letter is due to Franklin's intervention and shows that he will be left perfectly tranquil for the future. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 89.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779. November 4?] La Thuillerie.

Is happy amongst her kindred and friends, surrounded by the beauties of Nature, but is not wholly contented, as she thinks of her absent friends. Prefers the quiet pleasures of country life to the excitement and pleasures of the city. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 36.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. November 5. The Hague.

Enclosing copy of the Resolution of the States-General on the subject of the Chevalier Yorke's memorial, and also a copy of the Chevalier's new memorial. (6 p. in French.) Attempt made on the life of Paul Jones by the English prisoners. Further proofs of untrustworthiness on the part of Chevalier G[ran]d. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 131.**

From **W[illia]m R. Boyd.** 1779. November 5. Nantes Castle.

Desires to be released from prison; is an American sailor, and wishes to return to his native land. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 91.**

From **Joseph Pine.** 1779. November 6. Angers.

After being released by Capt. Allen and given a passport to England, he fell into the hands of the French and is now in prison; begs for his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 92.**

From **George Mitchell.** 1779. November 6. Brittany.

Wishes to go to America; begs to be released from prison; his father famous for the number of persons he brought to America from Londonderry, Ireland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 93.**

From **Chevalier de la Gaudinay.**
1779. November 6. "Grandville."

Desires to serve in the American army or navy; is in the French service, so desires secrecy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 94.**

From **Chevalier W. A. von Steuben.** 1779. November 6. Custrin.

Having seen in the French Gazette that his son was actually in the American service as Inspector-General, he again takes the liberty of enclosing a letter to be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In German, with French translation.) **XVI, 94½.**

From [**Baron**] **J. D. Van der Capellen.** 1779. November 8. Zwolle.

Begs Franklin not to sign his name on the outside of the envelope, as it excites too much curiosity, leading to the last one being opened. Good news from Capt. [J. G.] Diriks. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 95.**

From **Wahrendorff & Son.** 1779. November 8. Wismar.

Writes in praise of the peas produced around Wismar. The English purchase great quantities for their marine service and hopes that Franklin will give them commissions for America. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVI, 96.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1779. November 8. L'Orient.

Encloses bond for the purpose of obtaining a commission and letters of marque for Arthur Kirk, of the schooner "Independence," arrived at Nantes from Baltimore. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 97.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. November 9. Havre.

Wishes Franklin's opinion on the sudden change of orders; was just prepared to go into winter quarters with his troops, when to his great surprise, a special courier arrived with orders to be ready to march at a moment's warning; meaning of all this entirely unknown to anyone at Havre; various conjectures as to the project on hand; no orders arrived for the navy. Delicate treatment of Irish affairs necessary. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 98.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779. November] 9. Tuesday. La Thuillerie.

Is displeased at not having heard from Franklin. Hopes he will see his error and repent. Her brother invites Franklin's son to spend a few days with them in the country and to go hunting. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 38.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. November 10. Havre.

Introducing Mr. Smith and Mr. Watts of Virginia, who desire letters to the American agent at Bordeaux. Is still mystified as to the change of orders and awaits with impatience any messenger from Versailles. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 99.**

From **John Dalton** *et al.* 1779. November 11. Coutances.

Six American seamen tell of their escape from Mill Prison in England. Crossed the Channel to France in an open boat. On arrival were arrested and imprisoned, suspected of being Englishmen. Appeal to Franklin to secure their release. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 32.**

From **Hieronymus Gradelmüller.** 1779. November 11. Erfurt.

Desires to establish a printing-house in Philadelphia for the benefit of the Germans there; however, can print in any language; wishes his expenses paid; mentions his qualifications for other employment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 88.**

Abstract of the same. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 100.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. November 11. Amsterdam.

Has tried to prevent the captors of a certain vessel receiving money in England on letters of exchange which fell into their hands. Commodore Jones to sail soon. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 101.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1779. November 12. Boston.

Has not time before the vessel's departure to inform Franklin of occurrences here; refers him to the Hon. Mr. Adams, who sails by this vessel. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 102.**

From **I. Palmer.** 1779. November 12. Germantown.

Wrote in August, 1779, by his nephew, Joseph Palmer, passenger on the "Mercury" packet; since then has heard nothing of him or the vessel. His friend, Mr. Adams, sails the next day and will be able to give Franklin all particulars of recent events. Evacuation of Rhode Island by the enemy two weeks before, leaving the town of Newport in a tolerably good condition. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 103.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1779. November 12. Boston.

Introducing his little grandson, who is to sail for France under Mr. Adams's care, where he will perfect himself in the French language. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 104.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. November 13. "Serapis," Texel.

Has been afraid to send evidence against Capt. Landais by post; takes advantage of M. Dumas's kindness to send it now. Is exceedingly sorry for the unavoidable delay in sailing; difficulty of obtaining supplies; embarrassed with more than 500 prisoners; expects to be ready to start in a few days, though he must run the risk of meeting the

enemy who are far superior to his whole force. Hopes Franklin will approve his arrangements on board the "Alliance." Men and officers on board the "Bon Homme Richard" in want of everything; afraid to mention this to M. de Chaumont after his unmerited reproaches; has written to Dr. Bancroft on the subject of his misunderstanding with de Chaumont; hopes Franklin approves his attitude. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 106.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1779. November] 13. Saturday. La Thuillerie.

Has been away for sixteen days and has not heard from him. Sends compliments of her family. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 32.**

From **W[illia]m R. Boyd.** 1779. November 14. Nantes Castle.

Begs Franklin to procure his release from prison; has been in the American navy. Falsely accused of breaking jail and taking money from the Agent. Received three wounds in the American service. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 107.**

From ——— **Coder.** 1779. November 15. Paris.

Grateful for Franklin's intervention on his brother's behalf; begs him to say a few good words in his favor to M. de Sartine, that justice may be rendered him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 108.**

From **M. F. d'Ivernois.** 1779. November 15. Geneva.

Franklin's connection with M. de Vergennes fits him above all men to make the truth known. His fellow-citizens have a difficult course to follow, but they have a new model to imitate. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 109½.**

From **Baron de Brady.** 1779. November 16. Tabor.

His brother is a Captain in the American army; wishes to obtain a military position for himself. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 110.**

From **Mme. Brillon.**

[1779?] Tuesday [November ?] 16. La Thuillerie.

Has received Franklin's story of the "Whistle" translated into French by himself. It amused them all very much. Will try in

future not to pay too dearly for "the whistle." Has often been deceived by others but has never deceived anyone herself. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 34.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 106.

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1779. November 16. London.

The enclosed letter from the Committee of Sick and Hurt (XVI, 109) requires no comment. Arranging details concerning the exchange of prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 111.**

From **Veuve de Sanlecque.** 1779. November 16. Paris.

Heard that Franklin desired to procure some type; takes the liberty of offering him all that is left of her husband's stock. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 111½.**

From ——— **Martel.** 1779. November 17. Paris.

Wishes information in regard to the commercial affairs of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 112.**

From **Mlle.** ——— **Le Veillard.** 1779. November 18. Dreux.

Appreciates Franklin's desire to have her write to him, though she infinitely prefers talking to him or indeed embracing him, although he has accused her of doing it with a bad grace; in spite of his great knowledge of men and things, accuses him of not understanding a French girl. Reasons why she has not written before; gaieties incident to her cousin's wedding. Expresses the greatest affection for him. Sends messages from her father and mother. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 113.**

From **J[oh]n Green.** 1779. November 18. Nantes.

Has heard that the "Alliance" is without a Commander; offers his services. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 114.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1779. November 18. Brussels.

During his stay in England, was engaged in writing on small-pox and inoculation, also upon electricity and medicine. Believes he could be more useful to the world and to his Royal Mistress, were he al-

lowed to stay where he pleased; England agrees with him and Vienna does not. Visits he paid to Sir John Pringle, Lord Shelburne and Dr. Priestley. Has sent Franklin his book, also two papers on electricity; wishes he could spend the winter in Paris to superintend the translation of his works; expects to pay Franklin a visit very shortly. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 115.**

From **G[ustavus] Conyngham.** 1779. November 18. Amsterdam.

His escape from Mill Prison; harsh treatment he has experienced; desires to retaliate; always ready to serve his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 116.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 346.

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. November 18. Amsterdam.

Everything adjusted on board the squadron. Capt. Conyngham's escape from an English prison and his arrival at Amsterdam. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 132.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. November 18. Amsterdam.

Encloses letters; has forwarded others to the Texel for M. Dumas. Squadron delayed further. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 117.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1779, November 19 to 1780, October 23. Philadelphia.

Statement of sets of exchange issued to the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Has reason to believe that the Continental loan office bills have been counterfeited in New York, but as yet has not seen any of these counterfeits. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 9 p. **LXIV, 22–29.**

From **"Friend" [Edward Bridgen].** 1779. November 19. London.

Directions as to his future address. Motto for medals. Question of the coins; the design, mottoes, emblems, cost, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 118.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. November 20. Alicante.

Thanking Franklin for his intercession with the Count d'Aranda on his behalf; encloses a copy of a Spanish letter written by the Governor to the Minister, which acknowledges his justification; offers further proof, in order to eradicate any doubt in Franklin's mind. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 119.**

From **[Le Ray] de Chaumont.** 1779. November 20. Passy.

Sends a letter and memoir, which may prove of use to M. Landais, whose reputation suffers from the accounts in the gazettes. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 120.**

From **Stephen Sayre.** 1779. November 21. Amsterdam.

Introducing Captains Hodgson and Grenel, both of whom merit Franklin's assistance. Begs that the promised letter of marque may be sent by the first post. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 121.**

From **[Pahin Champlain de] la Blancherie.** 1779. November 22. Paris.

Asks Franklin's interest on behalf of the institution which so engrosses him; begs Franklin's presence at the next meeting. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 123.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1779. November 23. London.

Relating to exchange of prisoners detained at Forton. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 43.**

From ——— ———. 1779. November 23. London.

Relative to the exchange of prisoners at Morlaix. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 39.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. November 23. Amsterdam.

Introducing Capt. Moses Grinnell, who had the misfortune lately to fall into the enemy's hands, and begging Franklin to indicate to him the best and speediest passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 124.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1779. November 24. Aix.

Is informed that a cartel arrived at Marseilles some time ago, which is expected to sail on the 4th or 5th of December; desires Franklin to procure him his liberty before then. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 125.**

From ——— **Thevart.** 1779. November 24. Beauvais.

Offering to furnish America with cloth of his own manufacture. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVI, 125½.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1779. November 25. Montbéliard.

Implores Franklin's assistance once again in his miserable situation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 126.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. November 25. Amsterdam.

The resolution taken by the States concerning Capt. Jones and his prizes; it was carried by the nobility and ten voting cities of little importance, but opposed by Amsterdam and five other large cities. Wishes that Jones could have departed before this resolution was carried. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 127.**

From **John Evans.** 1779. November 27. Angers.

Through Franklin's interest hopes to procure a pass to return to England; Sir Edward Newenham and Mr. Green will be his security to obtain an exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 128.**

From **Chevalier Darang.** 1779. November 27. Nancy.

Concerning several bills of exchange drawn on Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 129.**

From **Dr. Beerenbrock.** [*Circa* 1779.] November 27. Paris.

Desiring to know whether Dr. Ingen Housz has arrived in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 102.**

From [**Jacques-Christoph**] **Valmont de Bomare.** 1779. November 27. Paris.

Has not forgotten his kindness in inviting him to Passy but his duties as Director of the Museum of M. le Prince de Condé, keep him at Chantilly. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 131.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. November 28. Texel Road.

Resolution of November 17th, still refusing to deliver up the prizes to Sir J[oseph] Y[orke]'s second memorial, but ordering the squadron to sail with the first fair wind; protests against this last order by various Dutch towns. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 133.**

From **L. H. de Bourbon [Prince de Condé].** 1779. November 28. Paris.

Asking for passes for two of his grooms whom he is sending into England to purchase dogs. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 132.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. November 29. "Alliance," Texel.

Forwarded Franklin the required certificates respecting Capt. Landais. Hopes his second interview with the French Ambassador will meet with Franklin's approval. Has one hundred prisoners on board; expects to embrace the first fair wind for L'Orient. His reason for not coming on board the "Alliance" earlier was a feeling of delicacy, Capt. Landais having accused him of using his interest with Franklin to supersede him in the command. His strong desire that the "Serapis" should become the property of America. Only his attachment to his duty prevents his embracing Franklin before leaving Europe. Capt. Conyngham is with him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 133.**

From **[Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1779.] November 29.

His lecture on lightning-rods. Forwarded Franklin a box containing the engravings of birds and the memoirs of his brother. Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy to his relative, M. Stanley; recommending M. Desdonaires to his kind attention. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 181.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. November 30. Texel Road.

Still waiting for a fair wind in order that the "Alliance" may set sail. At the request of Commodore Jones, encloses copies of letters relative to his two prizes, taken to Norway. [1 p.] A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 134.**

From **V[euve] de Sanlecque.** 1779. November 30. Paris.

Concerning printing and type about which Franklin wrote him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 134.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1779. November 30. Rouen.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 22d ult., and promising to look after the eight boxes, sent from Amsterdam, until further notice; his eagerness to oblige Franklin in every possible way; his wife's great admiration and affection for Franklin; begs him to visit them. Anxious for news of Comte d'Estaing's expedition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 135.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1779. November.]

Would not have enough time to translate the "Amiens letter." If he wishes, he could send it to the editor of the Journal, who understands such matters. Encloses a note by M. Turgot. Asks if it is true that New York has been taken. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 224.**

From **Duc de la Vauguyon.** 1779. November. The Hague.

Has informed Mr. Johnes [Jones] of the King's intentions, as transmitted by M. de Sartine; Mr. Jones's conduct in this affair has been most admirable; all he asks is that his crew shall not lose their share of the prize money and that his prisoners may be exchanged for Americans. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 136.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.].** 1779. December 1. Nantes.

Arrival of the schooner called the "Committee" from Boston; news of Count d'Estaing being in Georgia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 55.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.**
1779. December 1. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Concerning the purchase and fitting out of two large ships, built at Amsterdam; believes with Franklin's aid, Capt. Jones's skill and his own assiduity that there is a fair prospect of their procuring a fleet for America; his disinterested devotion to that country; begs Franklin to take him by the hand and steer him through this difficulty. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 137.**

From **[Friederich Anton] Mesmer.** 1779. December 1. Paris.

As Franklin has shown an interest in the advantages arising from the discovery of animal magnetism, hopes that he will satisfy himself of

the genuineness of certain cures he has made; besides the cases that Franklin has already seen, has several others which he will show him on the following Wednesday, if he will dine with him on that day. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 138.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1779. December 1. Paris.

Begging for the return of M. Nairne's memoir on the apparatus designed for storing electricity. Impossible to procure another copy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 139.**

From **G[ustavus] Conyngham.** 1779. December 1. Texel.

Account of his barbarous treatment by the English during his captivity; unhappy situation of the unfortunate prisoners in Plymouth; afraid they will be obliged to enter the English service unless they are soon exchanged. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 140.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 348.

From **[Jean] Rousseaux.** 1779. December 1. Wakefield.

Begging Franklin to procure his exchange and release him from his present condition of slavery. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 140½.**

From **George Mitchell.** 1779. December 2. Brittany.

Repeating his former request that he may be set at liberty and suffered to return to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 141.**

From **Penet, D'Acosta Freres & Co.** 1779. December 2. Nantes.

Enclosing two letters just arrived from Philadelphia; one for Franklin and one for M. Le Ray de Chaumont. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 142.**

From **J[ean] B[aptis]te Famin.** 1779. December 3. Paris.

General belief that Spain will acknowledge America's independence, with the result of establishing consulships in her different ports. Desires the position of Consul at Barcelona. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) (Copy.) **XVI, 143.**

From **[Claude Henri] Watelet.** 1779. December 3. Paris.

Desiring to know if Franklin will receive the Commander of the King's frigate "l'Oiseau"; he is anxious to consult with him on a matter of some interest. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XVI, 144.

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. December 3. Bordeaux.

News received of the arrival at Savannah of a detachment from Comte d'Estaing's fleet, who took and destroyed the British armed vessels on the coast and made prisoners of eight hundred soldiers at Beaufort. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 145.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.**

1779. December 4. "Alliance," Texel Road.

Copy of a certificate by Harmen Fleus, pilot, stating that on November 28th Vice Admiral Reynst ordered the ship "Alliance" to go to sea when wind and weather rendered it both dangerous and impossible then and since November 23d; orders from Admiral Reynst have exceeded both the intention and terms of the last Resolution. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 135.**

From **Santerre de Beaumont.** 1779. December 5. Magny.

Franklin reported to have claimed his descent from a notary of Pontoise named Dagneaux; is in a position to procure the genealogy of this family. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 146.**

From **Ch[arles] Carroll of Carrollton.** 1779. December 5. Annapolis.

Introducing Mr. Thomas Ridout. Acknowledges his favor of June 20th by the Chevalier de la Luzerne. Reasons why he resigned his seat in Congress. Deplorable state of the public credit; heavy taxation recommended by Congress. Exorbitant price of all provisions; measures suggested by Congress to check this evil. Describes the army as consisting of 20,000 fine, hardy fellows, well disciplined, well armed, and pretty tolerably clothed, but not strong enough to drive the English out of New York. Sketches a plan of operation which he believes would result in bringing the war to a speedy issue. A. L. S. 8 p. **XVI, 147.**

From **Edm[und] Jenings.** 1779. December 6. Brussels.

Sends a copy of the King's speech to Parliament. Will be pleased to receive Franklin's commands; ambitious to serve his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 148.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. December 6. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging the two commissions for the "Black Prince" and "Princess." Aid given to Mr. Wharton and Mr. de Chaumont in their mission. If Capt. Conyngham comes to Dunkirk will give him Franklin's letter and furnish him with the necessary funds. Sorry that Franklin has been troubled with complaints from some of the people of the "Black Prince"; gives an impartial opinion on the subject. Encloses two letters for Franklin from Jonathan Arnold, late lieutenant of the "Black Prince," who made his escape from prison with Capt. Conyngham. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 149.**

From **Pat[rick] Dowlin and others.** 1779. December 7. Dunkirk.

A warm denial of the charges brought by William Power and his gang against their worthy friend, Mr. John Torris; his generous behavior to every individual of the crew of the "Black Prince." A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 150.**

From **J. Rocquette, A. Elserier & Frères Rocquette.** 1779. December 7. Rotterdam.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of August 6th concerning a first draft of the United States, drawn on Franklin for $30, and presented for payment; precautionary measures they have taken in case of forgery. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 151.**

From **R[ichard] Norway.** 1779. December 7.

Wishes to serve the American cause; must conceal his true name until he receives an answer. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 152.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. December 7. Dunkirk.

Vindicating himself of charges brought by certain prisoners, headed by one William Power, who first swore allegiance to the United States and now refuses to serve except under the English flag; Mr. Coffyn and all honest citizens know his probity and no one has just cause to complain of him for the armament of the "Black Prince." A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 153.**

From **[Pierre Augustin] Caron de Beaumarchais.** 1779. December 8. Paris.

Has heard that Franklin intends taking a hotel in Paris, and consequently will need the services of a porter; recommends a man called Abbey. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 154.**

From **John Adams.** 1779. December 8. Ferrol.

Congress having appointed him to a new mission in Europe, embarked on November 13th, but his vessel having sprung a formidable leak, was obliged to anchor at Ferrol. Is the bearer of despatches from Congress and some newspapers containing an account of the evacuation of Rhode Island by the enemy, and of the Comte d'Estaing's progress in Georgia. Hopes the "Confederacy" arrived safely with M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] and Mr. Jay, who is appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 155.**

From **Dufourny de Villiers.** 1779. December 8. Paris.

Wishing to know the value of a quantity of American paper money. Concerning the session of the "Assemblé publique de la Faculté," and the effort that will be made to reconcile them with the "Société Royale de Médecine." Report of Count d'Estaing's feats in Georgia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 155½.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Jr.].** 1779. December 9. Nantes.

Business with M. Mercier; sending paper money and receipts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 56.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1779. December 9. Paris.

Mr. Moses Grinnell's misfortunes; measures to help him recover the lost bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 156.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779. December 9. Amsterdam.

Doubtful whether Commodore Jones's squadron sailed or not. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 157.**

From **Christopher Bubier** *et al.* 1779. December 9. Coutances.

Six Americans who escaped from Mill Prison in England and who were arrested on suspicion on landing in France, petition Franklin to obtain their release. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 30.**

From **John Sweaney.** 1779. December 11. Angers Prison.

Made his escape from an English prison only to be put in a French jail; begs to be released and enabled to return to his family in Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 158.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. December 11. Nantes.

Difficulties in the way of obtaining the condemnation of the prize goods taken by the "Mifflin"; begs Franklin to obtain the necessary papers. Saw in an American paper an address to the people of Ireland, signed with Franklin's name; wishes to know if it is genuine. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 57**

From **W[illia]m Freeman.** 1779. December 11. Bristol.

Writes on behalf of Mr. George Phillips, who was taken prisoner by the French; desires a passport to enable him to return to England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 159.**

From **Gaston de Commines.** 1779. December 11. Filippine.

Has a new invention, which is a great improvement on the usual musketry fire; desires Franklin's assistance in making it known. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVI, 159½.**

From **T. Ridout.** 1779. December 12. Annapolis, Md.

Introducing his brother who is about to proceed to Boulogne to transact some business with Mrs. Ogle, a sister of Franklin's old friend, Colonel [Benjamin] Tasker. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 160.**

From **[Barbeu] Dubourg.** 1779. December 12. Paris.

Condition of M. Dubourg very critical; fears the worst result. L. 1 p. **XVI, 161.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1779. December 13. "Alliance," Texel.

Has received Franklin's orders of the 6th inst., respecting the prisoners on board the "Alliance"; hopes that his enclosed letter to the Duke de la Vauguyon will meet with Franklin's approbation; persuaded that Franklin would never wish him to be made the tool of any great King; rejected their dirty piece of parchment; they would have him do that which would render him contemptible even in the eyes of his own servants. Will sail as soon as the wind permits. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVI, 162.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1779. December 13. Bordeaux.

Intelligence received from Georgia, disappointing; thinks the English are too much weakened to attempt anything material against the Southern States; letters from Boston of October 28th give an account of the attack on Savannah, the departure of the French fleet, the evacuation of Rhode Island by the English, and the occupation of Newport by Gen. Gates. Eight American prisoners in Bordeaux, captured on board English ships; encloses a letter (2 p.) from one of these (James Jimis) whose case calls for redress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 163.**

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** 1779. December 14. Passy.

Enclosing two memoirs, which he begs Franklin to deliver to M. de Sartine and M. de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 164.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. December 15. Amsterdam.

Contrary winds preventing the Commodore's departure. Illness of Mr. Sayre. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 136.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1779. December 15. Amsterdam.

By desire of Commodore Jones, sends him a cypher [2 p.] to be used in their correspondence. Hears Mr. William Lee is in town. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 137.**

From **Lair De Lamotte.** 1779. December 15. Paris.

Invitation to the funeral of M. Barbeu Dubourg. Printed. N. 1 p. **LXXIII, 54.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. December 16. Nantes.

Arrival of Philip Mazzei from Ireland, after being captured on his passage from Virginia and imprisoned by the enemy; claims that he is charged with public business of an important nature on which he is ordered to consult with Franklin; will show him every attention if it is Franklin's wish; favorable impression made on him by Mr. Mazzei. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 58.**

From **Giambatista Beccaria.** 1779. December 16. Turin.

Speaks of Franklin's work on the "Aurora Borealis"; has written upon this subject himself; sends a list of his various scientific works, with notes of their contents; hopes they may prove of some service and interest to Franklin. A. L. S. 9 p. (In Italian.) **XVI, 165.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. December 17. The Hague.

Enclosures by Paul Jones [3 p.] relative to pensioning an English pilot, John Jackson, who was forced by accident into the service of the United States, in which service he lost his arm. Copies of letters from Admiral Reynst, the Chevalier de Lironcourt and Commodore Jones [4 p.] relative to Jones leaving the Dutch port at once. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIX, 138.**

From ——— **Chautel.** 1779. December 19. Turin.

Enclosing Père Beccaria's answer [XVI, 165] to Franklin's letter, and offering to act as a medium for any further correspondence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 166.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1779. December 21. Dunkirk.

Enclosing the two bonds respecting the privateers, "Black Prince," Capt. Patrick Dowlin, and the "Black Princess," Capt. Edw. Macatter; also copies of the oath of allegiance to the United States, administered to the commanders, officers, and crews of said privateers. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 167.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1779. December 21. Nantes.

Enclosing account of General Sullivan's successes against the Indians and Tories. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 59.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1779. December 21. The Hague.

Admiral Reynst's demand that Jones should either fly the French flag or leave the port; reasons in favor of Jones's determination to fly the American colors. Business with M. de Neufville. Capt. Conyngham on board the "Alliance," as a passenger. Capt. [Richard] Pearson [of H. M. S. "Serapis"] on parole; his sword returned to him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 139.**

From **The Dean, Canons and Chapter of The Church of Paris.** December 22. 1781.

Invitation to a service in memory of the Archbishop of Paris. **LXXIII, 55.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1779. December 22. Paris.

Enclosing a letter (2 p.) from their friends, Mr. Daniel Crommelin & Son, relative to the payment of certain bills of exchange, with a plan for facilitating such intercourse with Holland in future. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 168.**

From **John Hartwell.** 1779. December 24. Boulogne Prison.

Born in Boston; was in the English service, but escaped, only to be taken prisoner by the French; begs for his freedom and a pass to enable him to go on board a cutter now at Calais; willing and anxious to fight for his country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 169.**

From **Anth[on]y Merry.**

1779. December 24. Queen Square, Westminster.

Reminding Franklin of the many convivial hours they spent together in Cornhill and Queen Square. Begs that the enclosed, unsealed letter may be forwarded to Capt. Hawker, a worthy officer of His Majesty's 62d regiment of foot, who has been a prisoner in America ever since the convention of Saratoga; desires Franklin's influence to obtain his exchange, as well as that of Major Harnage, as these two are such friends that one will never accept of a release, unless it extends to the other; their miserable and destitute situation. All their old friends at the George and Vulture are alive and well. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 170.**

From ——— **Naghel.** 1779. December 24. Paris.

Is engaged in fitting out two armed frigates with supplies for America; desires to know what objects the Colonists particularly need, and what are the best ports for the sale of his cargo and the purchase of a fresh one. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 171.**

From ——— **de Mayz.** 1779. December 24. Paris.

Wishes a position in the American army; his father a well-known Prussian general. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 171½.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1779. December 24. Paris.

Announcing the birth of his son, who is to be named George, after his dear friend, General Washington; begs Franklin to inform Mr. William Franklin and Dr. Bancroft of the event. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 172.**

From **Silas Deane.** 1779. December 24. Williamsburg, Va.

Hopes to embark for France in the course of two or three weeks. Alarm felt by the accounts from New York of an invasion of Virginia and the other Southern States, which are not well prepared to oppose them; relies much on the severity of the weather to prevent this expedition. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 173.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. December 25. Nantes.

Arrival of the frigate, "Sensible," in Spain; report that Mr. Adams is on board with credentials as Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of London; desires to know if this extraordinary piece of intelligence is true. Would never solicit public employment, but would be highly gratified to be taken notice of by Congress. Order from M. de Chaumont for clothing for 15,000 men. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 60.**

From **Henry Muhlenberg.** 1779. December 25. Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of the United German Lutheran Ministers to beg Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to His Prussian Majesty's Ambassador or Secretary, to be conveyed in their turn to Hall in Saxony. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVI, 174.**

From **Rob[er]t Montgomery.** 1779. December 25. Alicante.

A Minister to the Court of Madrid will probably arrive soon; offers to give orders to his banker to furnish him with whatever money he may need during his residence at Court, if Franklin desires it. Hopes it is not true that Comte d'Estaing has been repulsed with loss in an attack on Savannah. The blockade of Gibraltar still continues. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 175.**

From ——— **Girault.** 1779. December 27. Paris.

Writes at the request of a commercial house at Rouen to find out if Franklin intends appointing a Consul at that place. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVI, 177.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1779. December 27. Dunkirk.

Has just received Surgeon Boutey's petition to Franklin; cannot furnish him with his full share of the prize money for some weeks. Sailing of the "Black Prince" and "Princess" on the 21st inst. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 178.**

From **Lamarque, Fabre & Co.** 1779. December 28. Paris.

Enclosing a bill of exchange for acceptance. Offers their services to supply the American troops with uniforms. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVI, 179.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1779. December 28. Nantes.

Prices at which he can procure uniforms, etc., for the soldiers. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 61.**

From [**Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** *Circa* 1779.] December 28. Paris.

Informing Franklin of the approaching marriage of her daughter to Vicomte de Tonnerre. Hopes Franklin will pray for their happiness. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 104a.**

From ——— **Paul.** 1779. December 29. Paris.

Sure that Franklin will applaud the design of honoring virtue in the person of Jean Jacques Rousseau, of Geneva; encloses the prospectus and begs Franklin to add his name to the list of those who wish to erect a monument to glory. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 180.**

From **Henry Lee.** 1779. December 30. Cadiz.

Begs Franklin to write to the Spanish Consul on his behalf; came to Spain as second Captain of a brig from Philadelphia; got into trouble through a dishonest custom's house official; thrown into prison, where he has languished for nine weeks; implores assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 181.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1779. December 30. Paris.

Never received a copy of Capt. Jones's letter to Franklin dated October 3d, until December 15th; answers one by one the four general charges laid against him: (1) Disobedience of orders; (2) firing upon the "Bonhomme Richard"; (3) not having assisted the "Bonhomme Richard" as soon as possible; (4) not going in pursuit of the fleet the next day. L. S. 8 p. (Copy.) **XVI, 182.**

From **Du Bois Martin.** 1779. December 31.

Introducing M. Girault, who desires to recommend a firm at Rouen, in case Franklin intends appointing a Consul at that place. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 183.**

From [C. G. F.] **Dumas.** 1779. December 31. The Hague.

Enclosing a further declaration by Amsterdam on the subject of the Resolution of November 17th relative to Paul Jones [3 p.]. Account of a stormy quarrel between the Grand Facteur and himself. Copy of letter from Paul Jones [1 p.] about some small matters on the "Alliance." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 140.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1779. December 31. Leghorn.

Heard only a few days before of the death of her revered god-mamma. Is most grateful for Franklin's generosity in regard to the profits from the sale of Gov. Pownall's new edition of her father's map; hopes therewith to educate her four children. Asks for Franklin's literary works with his inscription, "Gift to My Dear Child," on the title page. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVI, 184.**

From **Marie du St. Esprit (Abbesse de l'Avé Maria de Paris).** 1779. ————. Paris.

Their admiration and respect for Franklin and their prayers for his preservation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVI, 185.**

From **Philip Mazzei.** 1779. December —. Nantes.

Appointed agent in January, 1779, for the Governor and Council of Virginia. On account of delay in remittances, used his own funds and borrowed more; now, Messrs. D'Acosta, of Nantes, refuse to make him adequate advances on his letter of credit; begs Franklin's advice in the matter. L. S. 2 p. **XVI, 186.**

From **Messrs. Famin, Devoize & Cie.** 1779. December. Paris.

Propose to establish an improved distillery for brandy, liquors, etc., in Catalonia, Spain, and describe their plan. Jean Baptiste Famin applies for the appointment of Consul for the United States at Barcelona. Mem. 13 p. (In French.) **LVII, 28.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** [1779.]

Sends this letter by M. Gérard; his popularity in Philadelphia; affection they all have for him. Sends furs and newspapers. A. L. S. 1 p. (First part missing.) **LVIII, 71.**

From **Dr. [Edward] Bancroft.** [1779?]

Letter just received from Mr. Ridley in Maryland; news of Mr. John Adams being appointed to return to Europe and assist in any future treaty of peace; Mr. [John] Laurens appointed Secretary of Embassy at the French Court. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 86.**

From **[Major-General] J[ohn] Beckwith.** 1779.

The misfortunes of the American troops due principally to want of discipline, and perhaps of vigilance and experience in their commanders; where Gen. Washington has commanded in person things have never gone very ill, but he cannot be everywhere. Offers his services to assist in training the troops. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLII, 116.**

[Dr. Franklin's answer, dated May 17, 1779, is printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 348, Bigelow, VI, 387, Smyth, VII, 315).]

From **Jno. Badger.** [1779?] Lyons.

Laying claim to certain lands in Pennsylvania purchased by his mother's brother, Izaac Maritt. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XLI, 134.**

From **Père [Joseph Etienne] Bertier.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Presenting his respects to Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 136.**

From ——— **Bethman.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Will call again on Dr. Franklin and Mr. Adams. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 27 b.**

From ——— **Beaugeard.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dine with him on March 28th. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 140.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Informing Franklin and his grandson that they are invited to dine at Mme. Watelets'. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 30c.**

From **[Pierre Jean Georges] Cabanis.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Our Lady of Auteuil [Mme. Helvetius], Abbé de la Roche and himself accept Franklin's invitation. The former does not promise positively, as Franklin seems to prefer the Countess de Forbach to her. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 39.**

From **Mme. de Chalut.** [*Circa* 1779.] Sunday.

Regrets not dining with Franklin on Friday. Hopes he will appoint another day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 146.**

From **Duc de Chaulnes.** [1779.]

Sending Franklin several packets confided to him by Mr. Vaughan. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 27.**

From [**Le Ray de**] **Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1779.]

If Franklin wishes the "Alliance" to remain at L'Orient, he should send his orders to-day, as the mail leaves for Brittany. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 142.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1779.]

Concerning the legality of the seizure of the ship "Three Friends," of Dublin, by the American frigate "Alliance." Mem. 5 p. (In French.) **LVII, 129.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1779?]

Reminds Franklin of the departure of the mail for Brittany in case he has any letters to send to Capt. Landais, of the frigate "Alliance," and gives the address of Chevalier de la Luzerne. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 55.**

From [**Le Ray**] **de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Recommending a hotel at Versailles where Franklin put up when going to Court. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 85b.**

From **Prince de Condé.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Recommends that M. Delatgenetière, an infantry officer, be reappointed in some regiment. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 114.**

From [**Comtesse de**] **Conway.** [1779?]

Her husband arrived home three days ago. He will go to Paris to see Franklin soon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 65a.**

From **Duc de Cray.** [1779.]

Special instructions given by M. de Sartine that all the vessels of the King and all the corsairs should take precautions not to injure Capt. [James] Cook; thinks it would be well to warn the American corsairs also. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 22.**

From ——— **Dabbé.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Is a Captain in the Chamboron Regiment of Hussars. Has offered his services to the Marquis de la Fayette. Wishes Franklin to speak in his favor. Is a friend of the Baron de Breteuil's. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 122.**

From **M. D'amchaga.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Informing Franklin and his grandson that M. Amelot will dine at home on Monday, November 29th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 126.**

From ——— **D'Argainarats.** [1779?]

Is a merchant at St. Jean de Luz; presents a claim for a cargo of supplies and munitions of war sent by him in 1778 to Salem, Mass., and for which he never received payment. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 80.**

From **Gerard d'Auzéville.** [1779.]

Begs Franklin to help him in carrying out his project of going to America and acquiring a small tract of land for cultivation. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 104.**

From [**Barbeu Dubourg.** 1779?]

Project for a descent on the coast of England and Ireland; probable success of such an expedition, if commanded by Capt. Jones, or some other brave American. A. L. 2 p. (Part missing.) **LVIII, 86.**

From **F. and A. Dubbledemutt.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Asking indemnity for their vessel first taken by an English corsair, and afterwards recaptured by an American privateer and carried to New York. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 217.**

From [**Mme.**] **Melin Dutartre.** [*Circa* 1779.] Ris.

Her Abbé leaving for London for a visit of several weeks; delighted to undertake any commissions for Franklin; asks for him some letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 7.**

From ——— **Erries** [?] [*Circa* 1779.]

Proposal for arming a vessel now at l'Orient. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 82.**

From ——— **Erries** [?]. [*Circa* 1779.]

Items of cost for arming two vessels. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 83.**

From **Guénard de Faverolle.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Officer in a regiment of dragoons. Is going to the United States. Offers to carry dispatches to Congress. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 85.**

From ——— **De Foligné.** [*Circa* 1779.]

A ship captain who has just arrived from San Domingo; will call again on Franklin to deliver a letter from Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], and confer with him on American interests. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 94.**

From [**Pierre André**] **Gargaz.** [*Circa* 1779, March.]

Submitted to Franklin his work entitled "Sovereign Union," on perpetual peace between all rulers and nations of Europe. It was approved by Franklin and by Count de Vergennes. Asks Franklin to allow him to dedicate it to him. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 53.**

From **Pierre André Gargaz.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Is a school teacher; asks for letters of recommendation to enable him to secure suitable employment. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 81.**

From [**Antoine**] **Court de Gebelin.** [*Circa* 1779. Paris.]

Has finally received the long-sought copy of Eliot's Indian Grammar. Desiring Franklin's presence at the Museum the following Thursday at five o'clock; number of Franklin's acquaintances who will be present. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 118.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand.** 1779?]

News of the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham, and the prizes she has taken. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 196.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Asking for a certain bill of exchange drawn by Gourlade & Moylan. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 196½.**

From **Mme. [Ferdinand] Grand.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Inviting Messrs. Franklin and Adams to take tea at her house. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 106 a.**

From ——— **Grivet.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Is a French merchant going to the American Colonies; wishes to have two letters of introduction from Franklin, one for Boston, the other for Philadelphia. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin "To Jonathan Williams, Esq., Boston, Robert Morris, Esq., Philadelphia." **XLIV, 115.**

From **Mme. Helvétius.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Inquiring on what day Franklin is to dine at M. Hébert's and requesting him to call for her on his way. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 116 a.**

From **John Jay.** 1779–1781. Madrid.

List of bills drawn on the American Commissioners at Paris. Mem. 2 p. **LXIV, 33.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1779. ———. Paris.

Has just returned from Versailles, where he went hunting with the King. Hopes Franklin is free by this time of the troublesome gout. The Senegal taken by the Americans. Desires an interview for the discussion of important matters. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIII, 3.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Prevented from waiting on Franklin by an attack of fever. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 136.**

From [**Marquis de la Fayette.** *Circa* 1779.]

Desiring exact information about the packet which has just brought him a letter from the President of Congress. A. L. 1 p. **XLII, 141.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Prevented from seeing Franklin by a summons to be present at the King's levée; a foolish law in kingly countries called etiquette; promises to wait on him the next day with news from Versailles. A. L. 1 p. **XLII, 142.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [1779.]

The Ministry awaiting news from Comte d'Estaing before doing anything. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLII, 143.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [*Circa* 1779.] Paris.

Enclosing a paper which he intends presenting to the several Ministers, in order to impress them with a favorable opinion of American trade. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 144.**

From **Mme. de la Fayette.** [1779?]

Wishes to know if Mr. Edward Newenham is in Paris and his address. This information desired by M. de la Fayette, who is still in Lorraine. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 218.**

From [**Gen. Chevalier de**] **Laneuville.** [1779?]

A Brigadier-general in the service of the United States; has returned to France; sends Franklin certificates and testimonials given to him by Congress and the general officers of the army. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 62.**

From **François Lanthenar.** [1779.] Lyons.

Wishes to emigrate to America. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 134.**

From **Trois Frères de Laporte.** [1779?]

Fell into the hands of English privateers, while on their way to America to enter the service of the State of Georgia. Were imprisoned in England for nearly a year and lost all their money and effects. Appeal for assistance. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 39.**

From [**Abbé Lefebvre**] **de la Roche.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Is still invalided and cannot go out. Mme. Helvétius sends small seed of Altamaha plant for Franklin's grandson. Asks Franklin to send him a few bottles of Madeira or Sherry wine. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 237.**

From **Abbé [Lefebvre] de la Roche.** [*Circa* 1779.] Auteuil.

M. and Mme. d'Andlan are about to leave for England and would willingly take charge of any packages or messages that he might wish to send to friends or acquaintances there. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 288.**

From **Mme. Lecourbe and M. Watelet.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Send their compliments to Franklin on learning the honorable functions with which he is invested. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 249.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sends Dr. Franklin the Boston and London papers. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 113.**

From [**Colonel Jacques**] **Le Maire.** [1779.]

Requests Franklin to endorse an enclosed memoir. Wishes to return at once to America. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 88.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1779?] Paris.

Has heard that Mr. Adams arrived a few days ago. Asks Franklin to let him know the good news he brought. Thinks he must have brought Franklin's credentials. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 141.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine at the house of Count de Maillebois where he will meet Mr. O'Connell. A. Notes. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 37a and b.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Requests him to postpone his visit to M. de Montalembert, as the latter is unwell. Concerning experiments relative to the aurora borealis. Hopes Franklin will accept M[arquis] de Paulmy's proposition. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 46a.**

From **James Longwell.**

[1779.] Calais prison, on board the Amphitrite.

His various misfortunes since his capture on board the "Oliver Cromwell," American privateer; begs Franklin to take his case into consideration. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 179.**

From **Mme. [Herbaut de] Marcenay.** [*Circa* 1779.] August 22. Proposes to bring her sister and some mutual friends to dine with him on Sunday. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 272.**

From **[Comte] de Maillebois.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Has just received the packet for America. Will call to renew his thanks. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 258.**

From **The Author's Representative [Jean Paul Marat.** 1779?].

Requests his presence at the hotel of the Marquis de l'Aubespine, at the repeating of the discoveries made on the igneous fluid. New experiments with the electrical fluid will be performed. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 104.**

From **Jean Menly.** [1779?]

His service on the "Bon Homme Richard"; his wounds and subsequent illness; applies for means to go to l'Orient and slip on board an American vessel. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 79.**

From **——— Moreau.** [*Circa* 1779.]

His discovery of a new malleable metal resembling silver. Has established a factory for making all kinds of forks, spoons and other articles. Gives price-list. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LIII, 62½b.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [1779.]

Quoting the "Providence Gazette" [April 26?], announcing the safe arrival of several Continental frigates with eight prizes. Congratulating him on Spain's declaration in favor of the American cause; hopes for a union between Holland and America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 147.**

From **Paitre Freres & Co.** [1779?]

Application for indemnity by the owners of the French vessels "Le Dillon" and "La Fortune," captured at sea by American vessels. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 144.**

From **Pierre and [Jean] B[aptis]te Payes.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Offer their services in any capacity in which the Government could use them, while waiting for the end of the war to establish a manufactory for cloth. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LXII, 90a.**

From **S. Petrie.** [*Circa* 1779.] Paris.

Desiring to borrow the last American papers. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 168.**

From **S. Petrie.** [*Circa* 1779.] Paris.

Enclosing a letter received under cover from London; forwarded the letter to Mr. Oliver by a private hand. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 169.**

From **S. Petrie.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sending a package which he received in the mail from London. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 17.**

From [**Pierre**] **Poissonnier.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Requesting Franklin to hand the memoir on electricity to its author, M. Mauduit. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 18.**

From [**Walter**] **Pollard.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Relative to his previous relations with Mr. Stockton and Mr. Dumas, and his efforts to serve America. L. in 3d P. 5 p. **LVI(i), 24.**

From [**Walter**] **Pollard.** 1779.

Explanation of his affairs. Wishes assistance. L. in 3d P. 4 p. **XLII, 114.**

From **Dr.** [**Joseph**] **Priestley.** [1779?]

His business connections with a certain person [Lord Shelburne?]. L. 3 p. **XLII, 106.**

From [**Joseph Matthias Gérard**] **de Rayneval.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Begging that the packet sent Franklin may be returned at once; obliged to lay one of the papers before the Minister that very morning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 64.**

From **Abbé Raynal.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Questions on North America relative to the number of white and black people; the quantity of productions yearly exported from the Colonies; the amount each Colony imports from the metropolis; quantity of productions each Colony receives from other American ports, whether they consume all their imports; the amount of gold and silver

on the continent; the amount of paper currency; the sum that the continent is indebted to England, and by what means the people of the metropolis are paid. Mem. 1 p. (In French and translated.) **XLIX, 41 and 41a.**

From **Chevalier de Ricard.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Requesting an interview about a matter concerning Franklin personally. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 26.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Thanks Franklin for the good news from America. Returns his translation in which he has made some corrections. If approved by Franklin, he would undertake to send the manuscript to the Journal. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 228.**

From [**Abbé**] **Rochon.** [*Circa* 1779.] Paris.

Begging Franklin's interest on behalf of M. Prosper Mouret of Aix-en-Provence, who desires to go to America and continue his occupation as printer. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 56.**

From **Jean Rousseaux.** [1779.] Calais.

Begging for money to take him as far as Paris; desires to go on board an American corsair. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 75.**

From **S——.** [*Circa* 1779.] ?

Concerning the whereabouts of Gabriel Vigeral, who was taken prisoner by the English on board an American privateer in 1778. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 17.**

From **M. de Sarsfield.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Inquiring about Franklin's health. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 59b.**

From **Vicomte de Sarsfield.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Requests Franklin to give to bearer the letter he promised. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 60a.**

From **Vicomte de Sarsfield.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sending a letter to Franklin and requesting the latter to send him the latest American gazettes. A. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 60b.**

From **Vicomte de Sarsfield.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sending Franklin a few cheeses just received from the Abbaye of Maroilles. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 61.**

From [**Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel**] **de Sartine.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sending a package which arrived with the despatches from Martinique. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 64a.**

From **J. D. Schweighauser.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Announcing the arrival of the ships from America with rich cargoes—"The Fanny," Captain Tokely, the bark "Tabac," and the ship "La Marie Elizabeth," Captain Young. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 193.**

From **The Secretary to the King.** 1779–1786.

Notices that the King [Louis XVI] will not hold Court. Printed N. S. De Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIII, 4-21, 23-25.**

Notice of change of date for holding Court. Printed N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIII, 22.**

Notice that Comte de Vergennes will receive Benjamin Franklin on business. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIII, 26.**

October 12. Fontainebleau.

The King will receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers on Sunday and Thursday of each week at Fontainebleau. L. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 215.**

A ball will be given in the Chateau of Versailles. The King and Queen expect to be present. Orders have been given to have Franklin placed wherever he may wish. L. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 216.**

Notice that the Court will go into mourning. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIII, 27-30.**

Notice that the King will not receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers on the 19th of the month. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (1).**

Notice that the King will not receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers on the 30th, but he will receive them on New Year's Day. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (2).**

The King will hold a Drawing Room next Sunday and receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers if they go to Versailles in the morning. A. N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (3).**

The King will not receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers next Tuesday. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (5).**

The Court will go into mourning on Sunday, the 14th. His Majesty will wear it five days. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (6).**

The King will not receive the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (7, 8, 9, 10).**

Their Majesties and the Royal Family will go to Marly Sunday, the 22d, and remain until the 1st of June. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (11).**

The Court will go into mourning on the 20th for the death of the Dowager Margravine of Anspach. His Majesty will wear it eleven days. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (12).**

The King will not receive on Tuesday next the Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers. Printed N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234 (13).**

From ——— **de Soleirot.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Begs him to forward to M. Fouquet, in America, an important letter announcing the death of his wife. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 175.**

From [**Jean Tobis Giraud, l'**] **Abbé Soulavie.** [*Circa* 1779.]

On the subject of a history he is going to write. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 107.**

From **The Ambassador of Spain.** [1779?]

Claim presented for three Spanish trading vessels unlawfully seized by American privateers. M. 4 p. (In French.) **LVI, 45.**

From ——— **Talamuth.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Prophesying for America a rigorous and ignominious condition of slavery; is capable by his counsels of maintaining America's tottering independence; begs Franklin to publish this letter in the *Mercure de France;* will then confide his secret to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 151.**

From **B[enjamin] V[aughan].** 1779. London.

Relative to the publication of Dr. Franklin's works. Political news. A. L. (Incomplete.) 4 p. List of Dr. Franklin's articles, with their intended order of publication. 2 p. Comments on *vis inertia.* 2 p. Political news. A cure for gout. A. L. S. 5 p. **XLII, 115.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard.** *Circa* 1779.]

Accusing Mr. Schweighauser, the agent for America at Nantes, of being in league with the Guernsey privateers. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 126.**

From **Samuel Wharton.** [*Circa* 1779.] Friday. Hotel de Rome, Paris.

Desiring to send a packet to London by some of Franklin's friends. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 97.**

From **Samuel Wharton.** [*Circa* 1779.] Tuesday. Paris.

Requesting the loan of the Parliamentary Registers which contain the Howe controversy. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 98.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** [*Circa* 1779.] Wednesday. [Paris.]

Leaves Franklin certain English papers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 99.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** [1779.] Friday. Paris.

Several letters but no news from London. Sir Charles Hardy's fleet at anchor in Plymouth Road on the 17th inst. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 100.**

From [**Samuel**] **Wharton.** [1779.] Passy.

Assures him that the American papers were returned to Mr. Williams the same day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 198.**

From [**Samuel**] **Wharton.** [1779.]

Sends a newspaper and a correct list of all the regular troops in Ireland. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 94.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** [1779.]

Is informed from London that two transports which arrived from New York bring such accounts as incline the people to believe that Gen. Prevost has been beaten near Charleston, with the loss of his artillery. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 197.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Returning the paper Franklin lent him. Promises to write to Mr. Whately. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 181.**

From [**Jonathan Williams, Jr.** *Circa* 1779.]

Suggestions for improving the value of paper money in America. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 183.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

P. S. [Letter lost.] If honored by Dr. Franklin's notice he will pay his personal respects to him. He has a son, aged 20, in the mercantile line in England who will assist him. Letters addressed to Mr. Freeman, under cover of G. M. Coote, Esq., M.P., Dublin, will be sent to him by that gentleman into the country, and be franked to him from England, notwithstanding that Irish members cannot at present frank them there or out of their own kingdom—a privilege which is yet to be received by this once oppressed but now rising country, for which she may thank America and her volunteer corps. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 111.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

Requesting him to send anything which he wishes to have published about the American Colonies in the enclosed paper to M. Derival, at Brussels. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 114.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

Observations on the necessity and advantages of having another commercial centre and port on the Mediterranean besides Marseilles. Limitations of the latter port. Proposes La Seyne, near Toulon, as a new port. Diss. 6 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 13.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

Gives rates for freighting vessels and advises Franklin not to pay more than 200 livres per ton. L. 2 p. (In French. Incomplete.) **LVIII, 139.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.] Bayonne.

Proposes to supply three or four hundred barrels of wine and a quantity of brandy for consumption in the United States, in exchange for leaf tobacco from Virginia. Offers to act as Consular agent for the United States. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 53.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

Memorial on commercial relations between France and the United States. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 9.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

Commerce between Switzerland and the United States. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 10.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1779.]

A project for raising a regiment to invade England, Ireland and Scotland. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 21.**

From ——— ———. [1779?]

Sending Franklin letters which he has just received for him from Miss Shipley. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 129 a.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Departure of the courier of the Ambassador the following day; desires his translation of Franklin's letter together with the letter of M. de Vergennes and the Commission of Congress. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 92.**

From **Louis Pierre Bilon.** 1780. January 1. Lyons.

Wishes to go to America; remorse from a dishonorable action; will guard the secret of his real name until he receives Franklin's answer. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVII, 1.**

From [**Pierre Augustin Caron**] **de Beaumarchais.** 1780. January 1. Paris.

In reference to fifty-six bills of exchange. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 2.**

From **Brd. Detrez.** 1780. January 1. St. Sebastian.

Trouble brought upon him and the Commandant-General by the behavior of Capt. Conyngham, who obtained the release of four sailors and an officer, prisoners of war, on the understanding that he would make good any charges, should the Court at Madrid disapprove of their release; this promise he failed to keep. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 3.**

From **Félix Lixaute.** 1780. January 1. Marmande.

Sends a poem, "The Complaint of the King of England," in which he eulogizes France and Franklin and vilifies England. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XVII, 4.**

From **Madame Ducis, Veuve Morin.** 1780. January 1. Paris.

Concerning a large order received from le Comte de Montfort to supply the hussars at Philadelphia with various articles of clothing; in case the Count should be killed or the vessel taken, desires Franklin to keep the account of the articles, after he has seen them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 4½.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1780. January 2. Dunkirk.

Arrival of the "Serapis," "Pallas," and "Countess of Scarborough," with the brigantine, "Vengeance"; no mention made of Capt. Jones; imagines he proceeded through the Channel with the "Alliance." A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 5.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1780. January 3. Montbeillard.

None of his former requests for assistance have been answered. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVII, 6.**

From **G. B. [David Hartley].** 1780. January 3. London.

Thinks the propositions for peace in May and June did some good, although opposed by the Ministry. Is strongly in favor of proposing a ten years' truce to America; part France would play in such an offer; objects to demanding the removal of troops as a preliminary measure; difficulties which confront the peace-maker; would take a bare-foot pilgrimage to Mecca to be assured of safe grounds to act upon; peace negotiations reported to be the object of Mr. Adams's mission; urges Franklin to be ever watchful for this great result. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVII, 7.**

From ——— **Coder.** 1780. January 3. Paris.

Has promised that Franklin would write to M. le Comte de Broglie, recommending M. Lair De Lamotte, M. Dubourg's nephew, for the position of Secretary. [Enclosed is a letter of introduction (1 p.), unsigned.] A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 8.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1780. January 3. L'Orient.

Col. [Patrick] Ferguson's defeat has frustrated, in a great measure, the enemy's designs against Virginia, but it is feared they will winter in Portsmouth. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 9.**

From **W[illia]m Smith.** 1780. January 4. St. Malo.

Born in Baltimore; shipped as officer in the first cruise of the "Bon Homme Richard"; was wounded and left, at his own expense, at l'Orient; desires a sufficient sum to enable him to redeem his trunk and clothes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 10.**

From **Veuve Dque. Morel & fils.** 1780. January 4. Dunkirk.

Arrival of a portion of Commodore Jones's fleet. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 11.**

From **James Woodmason.** 1780. January 4. London.

Has shipped the paper; M. Beaumarchais's agent, M. Le Tailleir, returns to England in three weeks and will take charge of any letters; he has purchased Baskerville types for Voltaire's works. Superiority of English over foreign papers. Talk concerning peace very confident. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 13.**

From **Lamarque, Fabre and Co.** 1780. January 5. Paris.

Sending a bill of exchange payable at sight; good wishes for the success of the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 14.**

From **Abbé de la Fitte de Pellepore.** 1780. January 5. Paris.

Sends a packet of letters for M. Plombard, the French Consul at Charleston; is very uneasy concerning his brother, the Chevalier de la Fitte. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 15.**

From **G. B. [David Hartley].** 1780. January 5. London.

Discusses the question of a ten years' truce in all its aspects; his reasons for treating with the present Ministry; rumor of Sir H. Clinton having been instructed to treat with America; if this is true, desires to know what terms he offered; Spanish papers report that the British Ministry, while openly avowing hopes of reconciliation, were bribing France to abandon America. Conjectures as to the object of Mr. [John] Adams's mission to Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 16.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. January 6. Amsterdam.

Enclosing copies of the new protestations by certain Dutch towns against the Resolution in the States-General of Nov. 19th. [In French. 5 p.] Departure of Capt. Jones and the squadron. His quarrel with the Grand Facteur; accused by him of having blackened the character of M. G[ran]d in Franklin's eyes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 141.**

From **J. de Sparre.** 1780. January 6. Strasbourg.

Has written several letters to Franklin, offering to go to Philadelphia and establish a Military School there; expects his expenses to be defrayed; offers made by the British. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 17.**

From **Boullet Bassemaison.** 1780. January 6. St. Malo.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. [William] Smith (XVII, 10, see p. 203) to whom he rendered some service; hopes Franklin will interest himself in Smith's case. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 18.**

From **James White.** 1780. January 6. Haarlem.

Wrote two months before respecting his method for coloring cotton, wool and yarn, an art for which England, France and Spain offered £1,000 each; prefers to sail for America carrying his secret with him rather than obtain the premium from any one of these Kingdoms; on account of his losses in England and his long stay in Holland, is unable to carry out this plan without Franklin's assistance; should this fail, will be obliged, sorely against his will, to apply to Sir Joseph Yorke. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 19.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1780. January 7. Aix.

Since the exchange of the English prisoners, as he refused to be classed in that category, his allowance has been stopped and he has subsisted solely on Franklin's small donation; cannot sail for Martinique until the end of the month, and not then, unless Franklin advances him a small sum for the discharge of his debts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 20.**

From **Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1780. January 8. London.

Has decided to sail for America in the spring; the best and safest way of conveying his family across the Atlantic. Before leaving Europe, would like to tell Franklin something of interest which he cannot trust to paper. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 21.**

From **du Corail de Saint Foy.** 1780. January 8. Toulouse.

At the request of two brave officers in the service of the Emperor, sends Franklin the two enclosed packets. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 22.**

From **Capt. von Doppelmair.** 1780. January 8. Anspach.

Was in the Prussian service. Offers his services to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 20.**

From **Major Gottlieb Christian von Weckherlein.**
1780. January 8. Anspach.

Refers to Lieut.-General von Saldern, under whom he served. Offers his services to the American cause. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 19.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1780. January 8. London.

Surprised at not hearing from Franklin for two months, relative to the Cartel; sends copy of letter from the Board of Sick and Hurt, dated November 15th, 1779. [See XVI, 109.] A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 23.**

From **[Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval].**
1780. January 9. L'Orient.

Arrival in port of the "Black Prince," after being hotly pursued by two English frigates; since the 21st of December, she made five prizes and four ransoms; the prisoners, numbering forty-eight, will be landed and cared for. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 24.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1780. January 9. Paris.

Interview with M. de Montbarrey, on the subject of forwarding military supplies for the American Army. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 25.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 410).

From **T[homas] D[igges].** 1780. January 9. London.

Giving fictitious names under cover of which their correspondence can be safely forwarded. Gives memoranda concerning maps of Great Britain and Ireland, bought by order of William Temple Franklin and lately shipped via Amsterdam. Also enclose bill for books. L. S. 5 p. **LXI, 109 and 110.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. January 9. Paris.

Extracts from the letter of John P. Jones to Dr. Franklin, dated at the Texel, October 3d, 1779; begs Franklin to certify that they are a true copy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 26.**

From **Thomas [de] Mante.** 1780. January 10. Paris.

Begs Franklin to assist him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 27.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1780. January 10. Paris.

Concerning his efforts to obtain military supplies for the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 28.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 411).

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. January 10. Amsterdam.

Complaints against England's treatment of Dutch ships. The "Serapis," "Scarborough," "Pallas" and "Vengeance" said to be safe at Dunkirk; whereabouts of the "Alliance." M. de Neufville's accounts. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 142.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. January 10. Amsterdam.

Safe arrival of the squadron under Commodore Jones; the settlement of their expenses. Terms of a certain loan. Question of passports for some of their friends who intend to engage in the American business. Had the pleasure of seeing Baron [de] Wülffen, Aide-de-camp to the great Gen. Washington. Rumor of the French and Spanish fleets having joined forces. Promising to forward Franklin a portrait of Gen. Washington, designed for him, by some one whose name, at present, is a secret. Report from America of the taking of St. Lucia, Barbadoes and Antigua. A. L. S. 7 p. **XVII, 29.**

From **John Diot & Co.** 1780. January 12. Morlaix.

Forwarding a copy of the journal of the "Black Princess"; arrival of two of her prizes, and one belonging to the "Black Prince"; begs for their speedy condemnation. Uneasy at hearing no tidings of the "Black Prince." L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 30.**

From [**Conrad Alexandre**] **Gérard** [**de Rayneval**]. 1780. January 12. L'Orient.

Encloses list of prisoners taken by the "Black Prince," which sailed on the 11th for Brest, where she expected to find her prizes awaiting her; report received of the arrival of only one. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 31.**

From **Comte de Marazzani.** 1780. January 13. Paris.

Desires to pay his respects to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 32.**

From **Mlle. Le Veillard.** 1780. January 13. Dreux.

Thanking him for the prettiest little desk in the world; its only fault is that it failed to contain a letter saying that he still loved her a little; hopes in a month to be again at Passy where she may once more embrace him; messages from her father and mother; if the desk is his grandson's choice, considers him a young man of extraordinary good taste. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 33.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. January 13. Paris.

Concerning his capture of the two Swedish ships; without the ship's papers, can say no more. Question of the accusations brought against him and their utter falsity; expected to have his conduct justified ere this. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 34.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. January 14. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Rhode Island and New York. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In triplicate.) **LIV, 63.**

From ——— **Mary.** 1780. January 15.

Has been granted a passage, by the Minister of Marine, upon the first vessel sailing for North America; hears that the Continental frigate, the "Committee," sails from Nantes in a few days; desires a letter of recommendation to Franklin's Agent in Nantes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 35.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. January 15. Dunkirk.

Has forwarded particulars of the first fine success of the "Black Prince" and "Princess." Has purchased that day, for the brave Capt. Luke Ryan, the fine large cutter lately commanded by Capt. Royer, which is to be called the "Fearnot"; asks for an American Commission for the Captain. Sixty-six prisoners taken by the above-mentioned ships, are landed and at Franklin's disposal. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 35½.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1780. January 16. Paris.

Begs that the enclosed letter may be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 36.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. January 16. The "Alliance."

His safe passage through the Channel, in spite of the enemy's attempts to cut off his retreat; would have given them cause for fresh alarm, had not his sails and rigging been in such a bad condition; description of a brigantine from Liverpool, sailing under Dutch colors, which he took and sent to America; extremely vexatious to see the enemy carrying on half their trade under neutral colors; expects to proceed towards his destined port in France; reasons why he thinks the Court cannot refuse to fit out his ship upon her arrival. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVII, 37.**

From ——— **Titot.** 1780. January 18. Colmar.

His position of Governor of the Royal Military School at Colmar; his long-cherished desire to serve in the American army; is twenty-five years old. Wishes to know what steps he must take to carry out his plan. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 38.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. January 18. Nantes.

Asking for a letter of introduction for his wife's grandfather, John Aitcheson, from M. d'Estaing to the Governor or to some principal person in the Island of Grenada. A. L. S. 2 p. **CII, 11a.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. January 18. Dunkirk.

Begging for the release of eight Irish prisoners, who have sworn allegiance to the United States, and who have been promised berths in the crew of the "Fearnot"; much in want of such good sailors. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 39.**

From **J[ohn] Dixon.** 1780. January 19. Williamsburg.

Encloses letter for his father in Yorkshire; in case his son-in-law [step-son] William Royal is sent to America *via* France, asks Franklin to recommend him to the care of some good Captain coming to Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XVII, 40.**

From **Carlo, Conte de Zizendorp.** 1780. January 19. Trieste.

Recommending his friend, Dominique François Belletti. A. L. S. 1 p. (In Italian.) **XVII, 41.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. January 19. L'Orient.

The arrival of the "Black Prince" at l'Orient some days before; during eighteen days' cruise in the English Channel, she made several captures and deposited forty-eight prisoners; desires to know if they are to be regarded as the property of the United States, in which case, they must be distinguished from the prisoners of France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 42.**

From **Joseph Gardoqui & Sons.** 1780. January 19. Bilbao.

Enclosing letters for the Hon. John Adams, whose agreeable company they have been enjoying, and who sets out for Paris on the 20th. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 43.**

From ——— **Baudot.** 1780. January 20. Semur.

One of his relatives, a young officer, desires to serve in the American army; requests information as to the expense of the voyage and the articles needed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 44.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1780?] January 20. Nice.

Refers to the taking of St. Eustace and the consternation caused by the news in the English Colony at Nice. Her house is next to that of Lady Rivers (formerly Mrs. Pitt). Tells of a concert given at the latter's house at which Mme. Brillon played the "Insurgent's March" composed by herself. Account of a conversation with Lord Cholmondeley on the same occasion. He is desirous to meet Franklin and promises to take tea at Mme. Brillon's house at Passy. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 47.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. January 20. Amsterdam.

They desire Franklin's advice in regard to the payment of a draft. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 45.**

From **Marquis d'Auzoüer.** 1780. January 21.

Begs for news of Mrs. Carroll, a relative of his wife, and wishes to know if Mr. Carroll will be Franklin's successor, in the event of his quitting France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 46.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. January 21. Versailles.

In receipt of news from America; his interest in his own country and in Franklin's should be a close bond of union between them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

Agreement attached relative to the vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette." 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 47.**

From ——— **de Rayber.** 1780. January 22. Nantes.

Claims that he was promised the position of Captain of Marines, by Commodore Guillin [Gillon], who told him to await at Nantes the orders he would send by Capt. [William] Robeson; has heard nothing since; his letters unanswered and he himself reduced to the last degree of poverty and misery; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 48.**

From **William Robeson.** 1780. January 23. Nantes.

Promised, by Mr. Williams, a passage to America on board the "Marquis de la Fayette"; unable to wait longer for the departure of this vessel; asks for a passage on one of the French frigates shortly to sail from Brest to Rhode Island; will be glad to carry any despatches and would be obliged for an introduction to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 49.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1780. January 24. Amsterdam.

Enclosing a letter [1 p.] from the Baron de la Houze relative to the two prizes seized at Bergen and restored to the English. Anxious for tidings of Paul Jones, also for news of the ship "Confederacy," carrying Messrs. [John] Jay and [William] Carmichael. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 143.**

From **Jean Louis, Comte de Sayn et Wittgenstein.** 1780. January 25. Wittgenstein.

Since 1776, le Sieur Lutterloh has owed him and his subjects a large sum of money; believes him, at present, to be serving with distinction in Washington's army; thinks he will be willing to pay his debts if he has the means; begs for Franklin's mediation. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 50.**

From **Pat[rick] Dowlin.** 1780. January 27. "Black Prince," Brest.

Has taken three valuable prizes, four ransoms, and put forty-three captives into the prison at l'Orient; his consort, the "Black Princess," boasts four prizes; will send copy of journal and the names of the prisoners; hopes shortly to be ready to join the "Black Princess" at the Ile of Ross. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 51.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. January 28. London.

Having received no answer to his letter of Nov. 23d, presumes it miscarried; miserable condition of the American prisoners, who number 1,100; does not understand why nothing has been done to forward the exchange as the English Board of Sick and Hurt are most anxious to do their part; another passport needed, as two vessels will not be sufficient. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 52.**

From **Luke Ryan.** 1780. January 29. Dunkirk.

His health perfectly restored; waits with impatience the commission for his ship the "Fearnot"; his refusal of offers made by the French; will only serve under the American flag; refuses to expose himself to the insults of French officers. His scheme for the Bristol fair of March, will, he hopes, deprive the fair of some linen and other cargoes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 53.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1780. January 29. Bordeaux.

Departure of Mr. Adams from Bayonne. His reasons for thinking the "Confederacy" has foundered; bewails the difficulty and uncertainty of correspondence with the United States; suggests the benefits of having monthly packet boats; in daily expectation of valuable arrivals from America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 54.**

From **John Diot & Co.** 1780. January 31. Morlaix.

Referring Franklin to their letter of the 12th inst.; enclosing a copy of the journal of the "Black Prince"; their anxiety lest two of the prizes taken by the "Princess" have been retaken or lost; think both privateers will be ready for sea again in a few days; need of the prizes being speedily judged and condemned, on account of the great demand for provisions in the French navy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 55.**

From **[Lieut.-Col. François Louis Teisseidre] de Fleury.** [1780. January.] Paris.

Asking to have his medal [ordered by the Congress] struck by the following week, as the King desires to see it; suggestions for the design. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLI, 147.**

From **James Woodmason.** 1780. January. London.

Promising to send the twelve reams of paper as soon as it has been marbled. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 12.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. February 1. The Hague.

Irritation of a certain great person against the English owing to their treatment of the Dutch ships; his expressed intention to propose a new resolution in favor of unlimited convoys, annulling all subsequent bills opposed to this measure. Information concerning the Baron de la H[ouze]. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 144.**

From **John Taylor.** 1780. February 2. Bath.

His claim, through Ralph Fretwell, to a considerable tract of land in Chester County, Pa.; has the original warrant; desires advice as to how to proceed in the matter. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 56.**

From **Abbé Raynal.** [1780?] February 2. Paris.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and Mr. John Adams to tea. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 227.**

From **——— Servière.** 1780. February 4. Hesdin.

Has been authorized by M. Necker to write a treatise on the comparative cultivation of tobacco; among other works, has need of one on the cultivation of tobacco in Virginia, published in England a few years before; if it is in Franklin's possession, begs him to forward it with any other treatises on the subject he may be able to procure; relies on M. Necker and the Chevalier de Keralio to speak for him in this matter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 57.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. February 4. The Hague.

The unanimous resolution of the Holland Assembly for unlimited convoys. Not yet the right moment to propose a treaty to Holland.

Account of a M. G(u)illon at Amsterdam, who passes as a United States Admiral and has the confidence of M. Van Berkel and other distinguished persons; suspects some intrigue like that of Mr. W[illiam] L[ee] or Mr. Izard. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 145.**

From **Geo[rge] Scott.** 1780. February 7. Paris.

Will send his servant for an answer to the question enclosed on a separate paper herein. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 58.**

From **Mourete, M[arqui]s de Montago.** 1780. February 7. Beaucaire.

Writes on behalf of Pierre Colomb, who desires to enter the service of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 59.**

From **Cradock Taylor.** 1780. February 7. Aix.

Begs for a sufficient sum to enable him to return to his own country. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 60.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. February 8. The Hague.

Rumor that Capt. Jones is cruizing off the coast of Ireland. Baron de la H[ouze] not to be trusted. Anxious concerning the fate of the "Confederacy." A. L. S. (In English; partly in cipher.) **XXXIX, 146.**

From **W[illia]m R. Boyd** *et al.* 1780. February 8. Nantes.

Petition for relief, from seamen belonging to Capt. Green's vessel which was sunk. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 37.**

From ——— **de Chantereyne.** 1780. February 9. Cherbourg.

Desires Franklin to forward him the judgment of the prize ship "La Providence," taken by the "Black Prince"; the sale to take place on the 6th of March. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 61.**

From ——— **Laennec.** 1780. February 10. Quimper.

The Admiralty having omitted to send an account of their procedure in regard to the prize captured by the "Black Prince," takes it upon himself to perform this duty; M. Diot only awaits Franklin's decision before allowing the sale to take place. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 62.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. February 10. Paris.

Has been in Paris since January 15th, awaiting at least his reinstatement to the command of the "Alliance"; all his possessions left on board that frigate; demands money to replace these things, and also for his daily expenses. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 63.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 323.

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1780. February 11. Cüstrin.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of November 21, 1779. Announces the death of his wife. Begs that the enclosed letter be forwarded to his son. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **LIX, 77 and 78.**

From **Lewis Littlepage.** 1780. February 12. Nantes.

Arrived from Virginia the day before; expected to find Mr. Jay in Paris, but has just heard that he is in Cadiz; hopes Franklin will advise Mr. Jay how to proceed; has letters of recommendation to M. Beaumarchais and other gentlemen. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 64.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1780. February 12. Paris.

Description of the clothing to be prepared for the American soldiers; promises to send the model of a hat; if the money of Congress is not sufficient, will answer for the rest; great importance of getting these articles to America before the campaign opens; necessity of the officers also having suitable clothing. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVII, 65.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. February 13. L'Orient.

His reasons for returning to port so soon; wretched condition of the "Alliance"; does not boast one good rope or sail; blames this state of things on Capt. Landais's slothfulness and ignorance. His health rather impaired from his late fatigues; has been almost blind with sore eyes. Steps he intends taking to repair the "Alliance." Wishes the "Serapis" could be made the property of America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 66.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1780. February 13. Bordeaux.

Arrival at Cadiz of Mr. [John] Jay and M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval] from Martinique. Account of the doings of the active Bareclo and the steps taken by him to protect his ships. Various reports of operations in the West Indies where it is apprehended that the English will be active. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 68.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. February 14. L'Orient.

Arrival of Capt. Jones on the 10th inst., as well as Mr. Haywood in the ship "Governor Livingston" from Virginia; when she left port, four thousand British troops were expected on one of their characteristic visits to Chesapeake Bay, and four thousand more were designed for Georgia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 69.**

From **John Stuart and 6 others.** 1780. February 14. Dunkerque.

Expressing their thanks for their appointments to serve under Captain Ryan, of the "Fearnot." L. S. 1 p. **LXII, 119.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. February 17. Nantes.

Concerning the acceptance of certain bills. Desires to know if he is to observe the directions of Congress only as regards the uniforms, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 62.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. February 18. The Hague.

Heard from Jones himself of his arrival at Corunna, January 16th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French; partly in cipher.) **XXXIX, 147.**

From **Anth[on]y Merry.** 1780. February 18. London.

Mr. Ingham Foster in perfect health; Mr. Aubert in danger of his life, and his great friend, Sir James Burrow, seriously ill; the illness of his friends together with his own misfortunes he finds sorely depressing. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 70.**

From **L. H. de Bourbon [Prince de Condé].** 1780. February 18. Paris.

Requesting passports for two of his huntsmen who go to England to procure him horses. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 71.**

From **Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1780. February 18. London.

Unable to get his remittances from home; obliged, therefore, to return to America with his family; has not sufficient money to make a long journey before sailing, so is obliged to go directly to New York; begs for a letter to the Governor of the Jerseys, and a few lines to a friend of Franklin in Philadelphia, mentioning the cause of his coming to America by way of New York. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 72.**

From ——— **Milhas, Jr.** 1780. February 19. Bordeaux.

Concerning an American bill in his possession which he wishes to have negotiated. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 73.**

From **August Püppele.** 1780. February 20. Carlsruhe.

On the strength of his former services in America, begs Franklin to forward the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 74.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1780. February 20. Montbeillard.

No reply to his various appeals for help; fears he has unwittingly offended Franklin; his end is near; cannot die tranquilly without the assurance of Franklin's forgiveness. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVII, 75.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. February 21. L'Orient.

Certain repairs on the "Alliance" absolutely necessary; promises economy. Unless the prize money is paid, his throat will assuredly be cut. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 76.**

From **P. de Monchanin.** 1780. February 22. Paris.

Emboldened by the interest Franklin has shown in his "Table Raisonné de l'Economie Politique," begs permission to dedicate his present work to him,—a moral and political catechism. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 78.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. February 23. L'Orient.

Not necessary to have the "Alliance" heaved down; repairs needed. Hopes that the wages due the surviving seamen of the late "Bon Homme Richard" may be paid them at once. His eyes still very weak and inflamed. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 79.**

From **Rich[ar]d Donaldson Cooke.** 1780. February 24. Rotterdam.

Received the enclosed letter from Mr. Bache, of Philadelphia, in June, 1778, but has been unable to deliver it sooner. In Europe concerning a legacy left his father. Before leaving America, he commanded a company in the Continental service. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 80.**

From **James Lovell.** 1780. February 24.

Acknowledging his favors of May 26th and December 30th. The Commercial Committee impressed with Franklin's sentiments respecting draughts. Brighter prospect of suitable remittances since the Resolve of December 14th. Chevalier de la Luzerne strongly in favor of a correspondence by cipher; encloses a very good one (1 p.), though a little tedious. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 81.**

From **Will[ia]m Webb.** 1780. February 24. L'Orient.

Acknowledging the receipt on board his vessel, the "Happy Return," of a long list of English prisoners, taken by the American corsair, the "Black Prince." A. D. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 82.**

From **L. Ginet.** 1780. February 24. Lyon.

Desires news of his son, a secretary under M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]; begs for that gentleman's present address. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 83.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1780. February 24. Nantes.

Congratulating Franklin on the safe arrival of Mr. Jay and the other passengers on board the "Aurore." Desires to know if the cannon purchased by Franklin's order could be conveyed to America in the "Alliance." A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 84.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1780. February 24. Versailles.

Concerning the four thousand suits of clothes which must be at La Rochelle by March 2d, if they are to go on the frigate which takes him to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIII, 139.**

From **G. Becker.** 1780. February 25. L'Orient.

Enclosing the receipt of the English Captain, Wm. Webb, for the twenty-eight American prisoners received on board his ship, the "Happy Return." A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 85.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. February 25. The Hague.

Nothing accomplished by the Holland Assembly; more talk of increasing the navy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 148.**

From **Philippe Jean Joseph Lagau.** 1780. February 25. Hamburg.

Certificate as Consul of France given to Captain Boullancourt. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 86.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. February 25. L'Orient.

Promises to be as economical as possible. Will gladly carry the supply of arms and clothing to America and will do his best to accommodate the four gentlemen mentioned as passengers. In great want of a first lieutenant; the present incumbent oftener drunk than sober; would consider it a great favor if he could have Lieut. Rhodes, now on board the "Luzerne." His letter to Mr. Baudouin written to remove any prejudice against himself which might prove hurtful to the common cause. Question of prize money. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 87.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1780. February 25. Nantes.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 14th inst. The petition of the poor American is perfectly true; his sufferings from illness and poverty genuine; will make inquiry about the man, and reward those who befriended him; this is only one of many cases met with at all sea-ports; has a heavy charge against the State for these advances. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 88.**

From **[Lieut.-Col. François Louis Teisseidre de] Fleury.** 1780. February 26. Paris.

Has written to Congress and to General Washington asking for an extension of his furlough; thinks a word from Franklin might procure him this favor. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 89.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1780. February 27. Dunkirk.

Introducing Thomas Kearl, of Norfolk, who desires to know the best way of returning to his native country. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 90.**

From ——— **Keiser.** 1780. February 28. L'Orient.

Desiring to know if the prisoners taken by American ships are permitted to enter the American service; many can be found willing to do this; great need of men on board the American vessels; if such an arrangement is feasible, asks that M. Puchelberg, the agent of Congress, may be informed of the fact. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 91.**

From **Dennis Walsh.** 1780. February 28. Vlissingen.

Concerning the dishonest conduct of one Thomas Newell, who declared he was bound for the Bay of Honduras and made application for goods on freight; instead of this, he proceeded to the Danish island of St. Thomas and there disposed of his partner, Mr. Barry's, property and that of the other shippers; desires Franklin's influence to help him obtain some redress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 92.**

From **W[illia]m Bingham.**
1780. February 28. St. Pierre. Martinique.

Complains bitterly of having received no answers to the many official letters he has had occasion to send; ignorant to what cause to attribute so mortifying a neglect; Franklin's refusal to sign bills for the disbursement on Continental vessels has placed him in a most embarrassing position; will shortly resign his post, his chief reason being the total lack of provision for the liquidation of debts contracted on public account. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XVII, 93.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. February 28. Paris.

Requesting that he may be sent to America for trial, that his trunks, sealed, be remitted to the agent, and that he may be paid prize money and salary due him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 94½.**

From **[Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.**
1780. February 29. Versailles.

Writes on behalf of several sailors who failed to receive their share of the prizes taken by the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 94.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1780. February 29. Nantes.

His appointment by Congress to examine the accounts of all those in Europe who have been intrusted with the public money. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 95.**

From **A[rthur] Lee.** 1780. February 29. Paris.

Has found not only the original of the Treaty of Alliance, but that, too, of the separate and secret act, both of which he encloses. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 96.**

From **Ra[lph] Izard.** 1780. February 29. Paris.

Has written to Capt. Jones relative to procuring a passage on board the "Alliance"; desires to be notified when he must set out for l'Orient, and who the other passengers will be; wishes to stay in Paris with his family until the "Alliance" is ready to sail. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 97.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.** 1780. February 29. Paris.

Arms and clothing for the American troops; his success in procuring them. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVII, 98.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 422).

From **——— de Morquet.** 1780. March 1. Pont-Saint-Esprit.

Desires to emigrate to America with his family; wishes advice and encouragement. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 100.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1780. March 1. London.

His patience well-nigh exhausted trying to arrange for an exchange of prisoners; begs that a hundred English prisoners may be held in readiness at Morlaix; has proposed parole exchanges at sea, but with no success, as they claim the American captors would have the advantage. Hopes for a speedy reconciliation upon the basis of humanity and justice. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 101.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. March 2. The Hague.

Desires him to send the enclosed letter to Capt. Jones; thinks the latter too exasperated against Sartine and Chaumont. A. L. S. 1 p. (Partly in cipher.) **XXXIX, 150.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. March 2. Passy.

M. le Comte de Vergennes has appointed next Tuesday for him to be presented to the King and Royal family at Versailles; will have the honor of breakfasting with Franklin on that day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XVII, 102.**

From **C. G. F. Dumas.** 1780. March 2. The Hague.

Question of the two prizes restored to the English by Denmark; extract of a letter [1 p.] naming the persons who played a great part in the business. A. L. 1 p. (Chiefly in cipher.) **XXXIX, 151.**

From ——— **Bühring.** 1780. March 3. Berlin.

Discusses financial crisis of America, and disadvantages of paper money. Has a plan, whereby the United States may obtain money. Demands a £20,000 country-seat in United States for his scheme. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 34.**

From **Mancet & Co.** 1780. March 3. Brest.

Proposal to arm a vessel for the American service to sail under the American flag, and to be called the "Franklin." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 103.**

From ——— **de Rayber.** 1780. March 3. Nantes.

Is in the last stages of poverty and misery, owing to the failure of Commodore Guillen [Gillon] to give him the promised commission; encloses a memoir (XVII, 105) of his situation; hopes justice will be done. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 104.**

From ——— **de Rayber.** 1780. March 3. Nantes.

Setting forth in detail the offers he received from Commodore Guillen [Gillon], and the failure of that officer to keep his promises. A. D. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XVII, 105.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. March 3. L'Orient.

Necessity of stowing the arms for the Continent at once. Dislikes to complain of any man, but M. Schweighauser refuses to settle with Mr. Williams in regard to the "Ranger's" prizes; has received no payment up to this time; his sailors look to him for their rights. If Franklin approves the enclosed letter, begs that it may be forwarded to the Countess of Selkirk. Offers to take the cannon on board the "Alliance." L. 4 p. **XVII, 106.**

From **Lewis Littlepage.** 1780. March 4. Nantes.

All American papers on the "Livingston" were thrown overboard on account of their mistaking the "Alliance" for an English frigate. Depreciation of currency still continues; the wise and politic Legislature of Virginia has tried to better it by taxes and other impositions. British fleet was expected in Chesapeake Bay to take the "Fendant" whose situation was miserable, owing to the mortality among her men. Expects to proceed to Bordeaux, and remain there until he hears from Mr. Jay. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 107.**

From **Brigueville de la Luzerne.** 1780. March 4. Prison de l'Abbaye.

Enclosing a memoir concerning the unfortunate affair which took place sixteen years before; begs Franklin to read it, and, if he is judged innocent, that some interest shall be taken in his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 108.**

From **Father Paulus à S. Petro.** 1780. March 4. Marseilles, at the Convent of barefoot, shoeless Carmelites.

Desires to emigrate to the United States to minister to the spiritual wants of Catholics. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 76.**

From **Geo[rge] Scott.** 1780. March 5. Marseilles.

Announcing his arrival at Marseilles after a cold and tedious journey; expects to sail at once for Naples; traveled from Paris to Lyons with a friend of Franklin, l'Abbé Rozier; politeness shown him by the Marquis de Cugny, and the Duc de Pilles, Governor of Marseilles. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 109.**

From **Juliana Ritchie.** 1780. March 5. Cambray.

For two years has heard nothing of her husband; begs for any news of him which Franklin may be able to procure. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVII, 110.**

From **Richard Neave & Son.** 1780. March 5. Passy.

Concerning a promise by Mr. Wharton assuring them a passage to America and means of support up to that time; his present refusal to do either; sums of money due the house of Neave & Son by the house of Baynton, Wharton & Morgan, who have proved their ruin; desire Franklin to use his good offices with Mr. Wharton, that they may not be reduced to beggary. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 111.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** [1780.] March 5.

Announcing the arrival of the frigate "Hermione" from America. Will wait on Franklin the next afternoon and communicate his news. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 139.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. March 5. Paris.

Has just heard that the packet of books he ordered has been addressed to Dr. Franklin instead of to himself; begs for a note empowering him to get them from the coach-office. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 112.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. March 6. L'Orient.

Enclosing an extract of a letter from Sir R[obert] Finlay respecting an invention of bombs, which are calculated to set fire to any object against which they are discharged by cannon; hopes Franklin may find the inventor worthy of further attention. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 113.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. March 6. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of Pennsylvania and New York. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 64.**

From **[A. C.] Schüler.** 1780. March 7. Brunswick.

His young brother enlisted, against the will of his relatives, in the troops of Brunswick, serving in Virginia; the reigning Duke will permit his return, if the consent of the Americans can be obtained. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 114.**

From **Louis Michel Ollive.** 1780. March 8. Marseilles.

Enclosing a letter from his friend, M. Jean Antes; and will send a packet of music from him upon the first opportunity; will be flattered to be made use of in any way. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 115.**

From **——— Eudel.** 1780. March 8. Cherbourg.

Asking for news of M. Tardiveau who went to America to engage in commerce there; begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 115½.**

From **Vicomte de Vibraye.** 1780. March 9. Paris.

Enclosing a letter just received from Stuttgart; begs that the reply may be sent to his address in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 116.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1780. March 9. Paris.

In reference to bills of exchange forwarded to M. Grand. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 117.**

From **J. Besonque.** 1780. March 9. Rouen.

Wishes to found a French book importing business in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 118.**

From **Richard B[ennett] Lloyd.** 1780. March 10. London.

Wishes to communicate the report made by Franklin's enemies, of his too great intimacy with a Mr. Alexander, said to be an enemy to America, who was constantly passing between London and Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 120.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. March 10. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosed certificate; wishes his trunks sealed up and delivered to the Agent at l'Orient as he does not trust anyone on board the "Alliance"; dilates upon the false accusations against him and the injustice done him; his need of money; is entitled to a free passage to America to stand his trial; cannot be expected to receive his share of the prizes in paper currency; demands his monthly pay. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 121.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. March 10. London.

Acknowledging favors of the 14th and 26th ult., as well as one from M. Grand with bill of £100 enclosed for the relief of the most distressed prisoners; assured by the "Board of Sick and Hurt" that the prisoners will sail from Plymouth by the first fair wind; advises that double the number be sent back; his reasons for this; necessity of having the English officer's receipt for the men taken on board, as they almost always run away before reaching their destination, to avoid being pressed into service; question of paroles and exchanges at sea. His zeal for the cause of humanity; believes that American and English liberty must stand or fall together. Their old acquaintance, [David] "Williams, the priest," requested to absent himself from their Society ["Athenian Stuart"]. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 122.**

From **Leonard Lafitte.** 1780. March 11. Bordeaux.

The non-arrival of certain bills of exchange, drawn on Congress, and sent to him from Philadelphia; necessity of stopping payment on them at once. Has forwarded through M. Brillon a short account of the fête at Bordeaux in honor of the happy return of M. le Comte d'Estaing. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 123.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. March 11. Paris.

Claims his right to be reinstated in the command of the "Alliance" or to receive his refusal in Franklin's own hand; asserts that the officers and crew of the "Alliance" wish for him and hate their present unlawful commander. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 124.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 326.

From ——— **de Rayber.** 1780. March 12. Nantes.

Wishes indemnification for his loss of time, as well as for valuable opportunities he missed of serving the King, owing to the failure of Commodore G(u)illon to keep his word in regard to an American commission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 125.**

From **M. Pula(w)ski.** 1780. March 13. Warsaw.

Has heard of the death of his brother in the unfortunate affair of Savannah; thinks he may have left considerable property; begs that Franklin will inform him if his death is indeed a fact, and if so, what steps they must take to claim his effects; their family ruined in the Polish struggle for freedom. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 126.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. March 13. The Hague.

Dutch ships seized by the English under Fielding have been declared fair prizes and confiscated. Russian complaints of English excesses on the high seas. Efforts of the Duke of Brunswick to hold the English party firm; his influence with the St[adtholder]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 152.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. March 13. L'Orient.

Repairs not advancing as he could wish. Arrival of Mr. Lee. Franklin's letter of introduction presented to him by Mr. Lockyer. Will

do all in his power to make the passage pleasant for Capt. [Thomas] Hutchins and Mr. Brown. Dr. Bancroft not yet arrived. Has given orders to Mr. Blodget, the purser, to deliver Capt. Landais's things. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 127.**

From **Comte d'Estaing.** 1780. March 14. Paris.

The opportunities of paying his respects to Franklin are too precious to permit of his losing one of them; will dine at Passy with Franklin the next day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 128.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1780. March 14. L'École Royale.

In the name of their charming friend, reminds Franklin of his promise to procure for her children letters of credit on New England, as well as his other promise to dine with her. News received from Brest relative to the additions made to the fleet; report from Cadiz that the Spaniards would not be able to sail for over a week. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 130.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1780. March 14. Paris.

Franklin's accounts and the difficulty of separating them from debts incurred on the public account before his arrival. Eight cases of type arrived for him at Amsterdam. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 131.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. March 14. L'Orient.

Enclosing a copy of the only bill of ransom with which he has ever been concerned; had no other motives for ransoming Mr. Dryburgh's vessel but compassion for his helpless family and as a reward for his good services as pilot on the British coast. Concerning Mr. Ross's proposal to take on board the "Alliance" at Noirmoutier, 120 bales of public stores. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVII, 132.**

From **M. A. Sonnemaens** [*née* **Baronne de Wülffen**]. 1780. March 15. Venlo.

Asking for news of her brother, the Baron de Wülff[en], who went to America as aide-de-camp to General Washington; their last letter from him was dated North Carolina, April 29th, 1778; as they are about to divide the family estate they are anxious to know into whose hands to confide his portion. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 133.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1780. March 15. Paris.

Concerning bills of Congress; two not accepted owing to certain signatures being wanting; offer to guarantee the payment of these. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 134.**

From **Samuel Cooper.** 1780. March 15. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Appleton, the son of Nathaniel Appleton, director of the Continental Loan Office in Boston, and highly esteemed for his public and private virtues; the son is no dishonor to his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 135.**

From [**Conrad Alexandre**] **Gérard** [**de Rayneval**]. 1780. March 15. Versailles.

Had he been master of his own time, would have paid his respects to Franklin at an earlier date. Encloses a letter from [William] Carmichael. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVII, 136.**

From **Robert Keith.** 1780. March 17. St. Pierre, Martinique.

The frigate, "Confederacy," almost ready for sea. Inquires about a box of furs belonging to him which he fears may have been delivered by mistake to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 138.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. March 17. The Hague.

Sending him the beautiful, rare and elegant copy of the *Utrecht Union,* for the archives of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French; partly in cipher.) **XXXIX, 153.**

From **Jean Kitchine.** 1780. March 18. Paimboeuf.

Entreating Franklin's influence to obtain his release from the maritime service of the King of France; his refusal of a perfidious offer made him by the English has exposed him to their vengeance. L. S. (by his wife, Catherine Hocquet). 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 139.**

From **R. Haines.** 1780. March 19. London.

A long account of his intimacy with the governess in Mr. Izard's family, of that gentleman's finally hounding him out of France, where he had a good business as English map and print seller in Paris; if Franklin will promise him a fair trial, will surrender himself in any port of France. L. S. 4 p. **XVII, 140.**

From **Samuel Ross,** *et al.* 1780. March 19. L'Orient.

Three American seamen, former members of the crew of the Continental ship "Reprisal," who are in a destitute condition, appeal to Franklin for the prize money due them. L. S. 4 p. **LX, 19.**

From **Abbés de Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1780.] March 19. Paris.

Presenting him with the promised walking-stick. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 209.**

From **Baronne de Fontallard.** 1780. March 19. Versailles.

Her unfortunate situation; left a widow with nine children, all of whom are settled except two; her small pension from the Grand Duke of Tuscany insufficient for their support; begs Franklin to second her request to the King for a pension, and also to find out if a letter of hers ever reached the Count d'Estaing, as it contained important papers, which she wishes returned. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 141.**

From **P[ie]rre Dumenil.** 1780. March 20. Havre.

Writes on behalf of an Irish Captain, who is a prisoner of war at Havre, and who desires to go over to the American side, and hoist the American flag, if Franklin will put him in the position to do it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 142.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.**

1780. March 20. "On board the 'Hermione.'"

Sorry the clothing has not yet arrived; hopes the whole will soon be sent to America; thinks this intelligence will be very agreeable to the army. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 143.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1780. March 21. Rouen.

Enclosing the prices of lead as sold in that market; urges Franklin to visit them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 144.**

From **Jeremiah Peirce.** 1780. March 22. Passy.

Receipt for eight louis d'or, lent him by Franklin, to enable him to return to America. A. D. S. 1 p. **XVII, 145.**

From **Chevalier Dieche.** 1780. March 23. Saint-Martory.

Begging for news of the Chevalier de Villefranche, who went to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 146.**

From **Jno. Hopes.** 1780. March 23. L'Orient.

Writes on behalf of himself and fifteen other men, exchanged from Plymouth out of Mill Prison; destitute of money and clothes; begs Franklin to advance them a small sum to be deducted out of their wages and prize money in the Continental service; the names of the released prisoners. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 147.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. March 23. The Hague.

Besides the copy of the *Utrecht Union,* sends him some philosophic books, and a packet for Capt. Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. (In English.) **XXXIX, 154.**

From ——— **de Flaghac.** 1780. March 26. Strasbourg.

Has written to M. le Prince de Montbarrey, asking for a leave of absence of three years, in order to enter the American service; his reasons for wishing to take this step; begs Franklin's assistance to enable him to carry out his plan. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVII, 148.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1780. March 27. London.

Hopes nothing will interfere with the exchange of prisoners. The people of England not averse to a reconciliation with America, only deceived by the acts of their Ministers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 149.**

From ——— **Chavannes.** 1780. March 28. Versailles.

Takes the liberty of enclosing a letter sent to him by M. Olry, in order that it may reach its destination in safety. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 150.**

From **The Board of Admiralty.** 1780. March 28. Philadelphia.

The detachment of four ships to guard the harbor of Charleston has subjected their coasts to the depredations of the enemy's armed vessels from New York; the Board therefore desire that the "Alliance" may be ordered to Philadelphia with any supplies now in readiness for the army and navy. A. L. S. Fra[ncis] Lewis. 1 p. **XVII, 150½.**

From **Joseph Gridley.** 1780. March 28. Nantes.

Desiring an order to enable him to obtain a passage to America on board the "Alliance"; Mr. Jonathan Williams's change of plans leaves his berth vacant; his health poor. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 151.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. March 28. L'Orient.

Acknowledging Franklin's orders of the 18th current; has written to Nantes for particular information respecting the anchorage of Noirmoutier; the cannon all on board. Refers to Dr. Bancroft for an account of certain circumstances concerning his conduct in Holland. Afraid Franklin will find "busybody C——" less worthy than he formerly imagined. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 152.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. March 28. The Hague.

Enclosing a declaration [1 p.] by the States of Friesland in which they agree to the resolution for unlimited convoys, even for building timber. Memoir presented by Mr. [Joseph] Y[orke]. Political situation in Russia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 155.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. March 28. The Hague.

His letter to Mr. Carmichael has been intercepted and is in the hands of the French Ambassador; its contents reflects on Sir Geo. Grand's good faith towards the Americans; cannot possibly furnish proof of his suspicions; overwhelmed at the result of his own imprudence, complete retraction demanded by the Ambassador, M. de La Vauguyon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 156.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. March 28. London.

Much concerned to find that the cartel vessel has returned from Morlaix without a single prisoner in exchange; the Board of Sick and Hurt disgusted at such an outcome of the business; the French Commissary of Marines at Morlaix gave the master of the vessel a receipt for the hundred American prisoners, but said he had no authority to return any English ones; until this matter is cleared up, all further steps must be at an end. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 153.**

From **——— de Servandony.** 1780. March 29. Paris.

Offering Franklin an invention of his own for erecting a battery of cannon on land or sea to a height of twenty or thirty feet. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 154.**

From **Charles Collins.** 1780. March 29. Cherbourg.

Taken prisoner in 1778 on the Continental brig "Resistance," while serving as midshipman; his barbarous treatment by the English; his refusal to enter their service; his subsequent escape from Pembroke Prison and his arrival in France; begs for a little money; is ready to go on board any Continental vessel. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 155.**

From **Juliana Ritchie.** 1780. March 29. Cambray.

Fears that Franklin's continued silence means that something has happened to her husband which he does not choose to tell her. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 156.**

From **Baron de Gaisberg and Ferdinand de Stahel.** 1780. March 29. Babócsa, Hungary.

Their ardent wish is to enter the American army; only waiting for the promise of Franklin's protection to start at once for Paris. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVII, 157.**

From **Peter Blackit.** 1780. March 30. Dinan prison.

Was lately boatswain on board the "Princess" privateer; accused of conspiring with certain English prisoners on board to take possession of the ship; has been sent from prison to prison, and is now in daily fear of being sent to England; declares the charge against him false, and begs Franklin to let him have a lawful trial; amount of prize money due him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 158.**

From [**Pierre**] **Roussille.** 1780. March 30. Paris.

Prevented from going to Bordeaux by severe illness. Applies once more for a small loan. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVII, 159.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. March 31. Dunkirk.

Urgent need of despatching the judgments for certain prizes as quickly as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVII, 160.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1780. March 31. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of October 22d, recommending to his notice the affairs of M. De Lafreté with Mr. Roulhac, of Edenton; promises to do everything in his power. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XVII, 161 and 162.**

From **[Lieut.-Col. François] L[ouis Teisseidre de] Fleury.** 1780. March. Paris.

Obliged to join his regiment at Brest; begs Franklin to send the silver medal which Congress voted for him, to his father, who will receive it in his absence; desires to have a gold one struck off from the same die at his own expense, if Franklin has no objection. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVII, 163.**

From **[Marquis de la Fayette.** 1780. March.]

Going to Versailles for the last time before his departure; desires Franklin's despatches that night. A. L. 1 p. **XLII, 145.**

From **William Dorsett.** 1780. April 2. [Post-marked Havre.]

American sailor, taken prisoner and carried to New York; escaped to France where he is once more a prisoner; begs for assistance to obtain his freedom. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 1.**

From **Pat[rick] Dowlin.** 1780. April 3. Roscow.

Forced through lack of provisions to liberate twenty-one men; two of the enemy's packets taken; on the 19th ult. was joined by his consort, the "Princess." Ill conduct of the French on board his vessel; they acted neither as soldiers nor sailors, and contrary to the contract between the United States and France; hopes to reach Dunkirk shortly, if the number of his crew, weakened as they are by the departure of the French, will permit. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 2.**

From **Thom[a]s Malony.** 1780. April 4. Ancenis.

Taken prisoner by Captain Jones; served him as pilot on board the "Surf"; sufferings he endured; begs for his exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 4.**

From **Tho[ma]s Ridout.** 1780. April 4. Bordeaux.

Embarked from Baltimore the 26th of December, 1779; encloses a letter entrusted to him by Mr. Carroll; his vessel detained two months by the frost. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 6.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. April 4. L'Orient.

Steps he has taken to receive certain stores on board the "Alliance." Concerning the conduct of M. C——; fears that Franklin has been deceived in him; a dishonorable proposition made by him; loth to expose his conduct and willing to give him time to repent. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 7.**

From **Puchelberg & Co.** 1780. April 5. L'Orient.

All the English prisoners transferred to Dinan, except one sick boy in the hospital. The repartition of the prizes not yet having been arranged, several officers on the "Alliance" are in want of money; only await orders to furnish them with the necessary funds. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 8.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1780. April 5 and 13.

Report of Board of Treasury that eight sets of bills of exchange, drawn in favor of Thomas McKean, had been destroyed to prevent falling into the hands of the enemy. and order by Congress for their replacement. Accompanied by a letter from the Treasurer of Loans to the American Commissioners notifying them of the issuance of the bills. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p., and L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LIV, 65 and 66.**

From ——— **David l'ainé.** 1780. April 5. Versailles.

Wrote Franklin nearly a year before, enclosing a letter from his friend, M. Montaudouin, and asking for the position of Consul or Agent at Morlaix; as he knows English, feels sure he could be useful to the American prisoners, now being exchanged from England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 9.**

From **Van der Perre & Meyners.** 1780. April 6. Middelburg.

Their vessel, the "Berkenbos," most unjustly captured by the "Alliance" and sent to Boston or Philadelphia; claim restitution and damages; the Captain forced by Captain Jones to certify that the ship was English property. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 10.**

From **J[ean] C[onrad] Zollickoffer.** 1780. April 7. Bordeaux.

During his stay in Philadelphia met Franklin's daughter, and Mr. Hillegas, both of whom confided letters to Franklin to his care which

he will forward at once; his time occupied in procuring certain articles for the United States; desires information about the negotiation of bills at Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 11.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1780. April 7. The Hague.

Acknowledging Franklin's favors of the 29th and 31st ult., with the news of the dastardly conduct of Sir Geo. Grand in opening his letter to Mr. Carmichael and then giving it to the French Ambassador; wrote at once to the Ambassador [copy enclosed, 3 p.] regretting only the part which referred to him personally, and promising to keep the other matter secret, in accordance with Franklin's request. Russia's offer to unite with Holland in protecting the commerce of neutral nations from England's aggression. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 157.**

From ——— **Reyhermann.**

1780. April 7. Wersdorf near Apold, Saxe-Weimar.

Concerning pensions for widows and orphans, with mention of an alchemist's discovery of a never-ceasing source of gold. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **LIX, 14 and 15.**

From ——— **Reyhermann.**

1780. April 7. Wersdorf near Apold, Saxe-Weimar.

Thinks his ms. and printed dedications, sent one and one half years ago, must either have been received or purloined by his enemies. Alchemistic discovery. Asks for 6 or 10 louis d'ors. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 21.**

From ——— **Reyhermann.** 1780. April 7. Wersdorf near Apold.

Concerning the publication of his alchemistic work. Asks that 6 or 10 louis d'ors be sent him to continue printing his work. A. L. S. 3 p. (In triplicate.) **LIX, 16, 17 and 18.**

From **Will[iam] MacCreery.** 1780. April 8. Bordeaux.

Sends the newspapers and journals of Congress, received from Mr. Lovell, by Captain De Freÿ; warns Franklin against the Baron Roustellen who may present himself at Passy and who is known to be an inveterate enemy of the United States, said to be summoned to England for the sake of the information he can supply them with. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 13.**

From [**Comte de**] **Sarsfield.** [1780.] April 8.

Invites Franklin and his grandson to dine with him. Hopes they will not refuse, as he has seen Franklin so seldom during the winter. M. de Malesherbes may be able to come also. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 212.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1780. April 8.

Is deputed to convey the veneration and gratitude of "Messieurs de Deux-Ponts," who are ordered to set sail on the 8th. Report from London announces an explosion of the largest magazine at Port Royal, Jamaica, damaging the fort as well as the vessels in the harbor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 14.**

From **Baron de Weilster.** 1780. April 9. Rotterdam.

Complains of being badly treated in Holland, though under Dr. Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 73.**

From **Philippe de Delleville.** 1780. April 10. Bayeux.

Writes on behalf of seven Americans who having escaped by bribing the jailor, embarked in a frail boat without sails or rudder and who, with the help of some rags and an old plank, managed to land near Bayeux; their desire to return to America as soon as possible; has written to M. de Sartine but thinks it best to inform Dr. Franklin of the affair; has assisted them in all possible ways. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 15.**

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1780. April 10. Cüstrin.

Rejoices that his son, the General, has written to him and requests the forwarding of the enclosed letter. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 55.**

From **Theobald Jennings and others.** 1780. April 10. Bayeux.

Asking for assistance to enable them to embark for America; their escape from Portsmouth and perilous trip in a small boat, which landed them near Bayeux; kindly treated by the inhabitants; destitute of clothes and the necessaries of life. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 16.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1780. April 10. L'Orient.

Concerning two bills sent him by Edward Burd, Esq., of Philadelphia, which he encloses for acceptance; hopes that Mr. Burd's having unfortunately neglected to endorse them, will not prevent their being duly honored. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 17.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1780. April 11. The Hague.

Explanation of the affair between Capt. Jones and the English pilot; encloses certificates [2 p.] signed by Jones [duplicates of those in XXXIX, 138]. Promise of M. Van Berkel to arrange a reconciliation with the Grand Facteur. The Holland Assembly deliberating on Russia's proposal. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 158.**

From [**Philippe?**] **Ricot.** 1780. April 11. St. Valery.

The "Black Prince" forced to land at Berck, on account of being chased by an English frigate; sent an officer there at once to know if he could be of any service; his zeal for the American cause. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 18.**

From **Jon[a]th[an] Trumbull.** 1780. April 12. Lebanon, Conn.

Introducing his son, Col. John Trumbull to Franklin's notice and protection; refers Franklin to him for the political and military news. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 19.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. April 13. The Hague.

The Russian proposals bid fair to be accepted; attitude of the English party. Holland's unanimous decision for unlimited convoys; aid demanded by the English refused. M. Van Berkel's promise to bring about a reconciliation between the French Ambassador and himself. (In French.) **XXXIX, 159.**

From **A[nthony] G[eorge] Eckhard.** 1780. April 13. Utrecht.

Wishes to establish factories in other countries; if not feasible at Paris then perhaps in England, in which case he begs for a letter of introduction. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 20.**

From **Even Duhil.** 1780. April 14. Nantes.

Holds the commission of Captain in the First South Carolina regiment, Col. Cha[rles] Cotesworth Pinckney; was forced to return to France on account of his father's death; anxious to procure an immediate passage to America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 21.**

From **B. Barbier.** 1780. April 15. Nantes.

Dishonorable conduct of M. Gruel, who abused the confidence placed in him by an American, John Green, who obtained the command of Gruel's vessel "Le Patriote" on the condition that he should share the expense of fitting her out; begs Franklin to obtain justice for his friend, Green. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 22.**

From ——— **de Chantereyne.** 1780. April 15. Cherbourg.

Intrusted with the fitting out of the "Black Princess"; desires a letter of recommendation to the Commissaries of Marine at Havre and Cherbourg, in order to obtain sailors now in various prisons. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 23.**

From **Geo[rge] Logan.** 1780. April 15. London.

Announcing his safe arrival; Mr. Barclay, who has charge of his affairs, thinks they can be settled in a month; expects to sail for America on a Dutch vessel. Refers Franklin to Mr. Digg[e]s for an account of public affairs; many not yet convinced of the necessity of acknowledging the independence of the United States. Interview he had with Mr. Hartley, who expected to make a motion in regard to America the next day, in order to force the Ministry into some explanation of their future course of action. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 24.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. April 15. Dunkirk.

Giving an account of the loss of the "Black Prince"; all due to the stupid and villainous chase, made by the "Calonne," commanded by the ignorant Capt. Guilman; hopes Franklin will report his conduct to the Minister of the Navy; would sooner sell his last shirt than not procure a large cutter for the intrepid and clever Capt. Dowlin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 25.**

Printed in part in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 312.

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1780. April 17.

Roused that morning at four o'clock by the arrival of Mr. Montplaisir and Capt. Jones from L'Orient; the latter has lain down for a little needed sleep; supposes he will call on Franklin as soon as he is called and dressed. The enclosed letter from Mr. Wharton tells everything except that the King's officers at L'Orient have begun to cut up and pull down part of the internal partition of the "Serapis"; this has greatly increased the discontent of the "Alliance's" crew. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 26.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. April 17. Amsterdam.

Result of the attempted reconciliation between the Ambassador and himself; unable to accede to the former's demand that he should apologize to Sir G[eo. Grand]. Russia's proposals accepted by the Holland Assembly. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 160.**

From [**Mme.**] **de Longchamps.** 1780. April 18. Paris.

Is emboldened to disclose to him her wretched situation and to beg his assistance; her children at once her joy and her suffering; desires permission to present her family to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 27.**

From **Juliana Ritchie.** 1780. April 18. Cambray.

Disappointed that Franklin can give her no news of her husband; her early marriage and subsequent separation from him; has not seen him for fifteen years; a description of her manner of life, her friends and occupations. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 28.**

From **Nic[holas] Geo[rge] Moeballe.** 1780. April 19. Middelburg.

A former Colonel in the Virginia troops. Writes on behalf of a vessel belonging to Messrs. Van der Perre, Meyners, and other gentlemen (see XVIII, 10, see p. 234) unjustly captured by the "Alliance," Capt. Jones, and sent to Boston or Philadelphia; the owners sincerely attached to the American cause. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 29.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. April 19. Paris.

Informed that the State of Maryland has named to Franklin—Mr. Carmichael, Mr. [Joshua] Johnson, Mr. Williams, Mr. [Richard B.] Lloyd and Mr. Jennings as proper persons from whom to choose one,

to draw out of the English funds a certain sum of money; their different claims; thinks Mr. Jennings's pretentions are superior to the others; does not wish to dictate to Franklin; apologizes for appearing to do so. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 30.**

From **Geo[rge] Scott.** 1780. April 20. Naples.

His arrival after a long and tedious journey; treated with great kindness by Sir William Hamilton, who delivered his memorial to the Minister of State and promised to enforce it with all his power. Flourishing condition of vegetables and grain in Italy; price of wine. Transcribes a letter from Dr. Preistley (1 p.), averring his greatest wish is to see Franklin Ambassador to England from the Free States of America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 31.**

From **[Pierre Simon] B[enjamin] Du Vivier.** 1780. April 20. Paris.

The medal ordered by Franklin is engraved; before adding the final touches, desires his advice and approval; expects to bring the same careful workmanship to the stamping of the other medals as to this one for the Chevalier de Fleury. [See resolution of the Congress, July 26, 1779.] A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 32.**

From ——— **de Royer.** 1780. April 20. Lyon.

Introduces a young savant, le Chevalier de Pougens; presents a prospectus of a great work he is about to publish:—a Dictionary of French Jurisprudence; the second volume will contain articles on American legislation, for which he begs Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 33.**

From **James Turing & Son.** 1780. April 20. Middelburg.

Sorry to trouble Franklin again about their brig "Brunetta"; report that she has arrived at Boston; desire Mr. Williams to be empowered to sue for and reclaim her from Capt. Babcock. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 34.**

From **J[ohn] P[aul] Jones.** 1780. April 20. Passy.

Nearly two years since he was honored by an invitation from the Court of Versailles to continue in Europe, with a promise of more useful employment against the common enemy; has served not for riches but for glory and a glorious cause; desires to carry back with

him to Congress such testimony of His Majesty's approbation as his conduct may be thought to have merited during his absence from America. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XVIII, 35.**

From ——— **Lachassaigne.** 1780. April 22. Paris.

Wishes to know if M. de Contour, who says he is a Lieutenant in the United States navy, is to be believed. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 36.**

From [**Conrad Alexandre**] **Gérard** [**de Rayneval**]. 1780. April 22. Versailles.

Requests Franklin to hand the package enclosed to Capt. Paul Jones who has promised to deliver it in America. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 101.**

From **Ostervald & Bosset Deluse.** 1780. April 23. Paris.

Offering their services as typographers and enclosing prices of types. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 37.**

From **J**[**ohn**] **P**[**aul**] **Jones.** 1780. April 23. Passy.

Remembers writing about the brigantine he met with off Cape Finisterre, sailing under Dutch colors (see XVIII, 10); the appearance of the "Alliance" that of an English frigate, as he and his mariners were in English uniforms; the Captain of the brig said the cargo was British property and he naturally believed him; that he was compelled by force to say so, is absolutely false; he was not dispossessed of his ship, and will be able to sell his cargo to better advantage in America than in any other country. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XVIII, 38.**

From **Aug**[**uste**] **Lesage.** 1780. April 24. Lille.

Has a package under his care, belonging to Dr. Franklin; desires to know how he shall forward it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 39.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. April 24. Amsterdam.

Part played by M. Van Berkel in the acceptance of Russia's proposals. Great Britain's declaration of April 17th, which takes away Holland's former commercial privileges as her ally, and places her on a footing with other neutral nations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 161.**

From **Rich[ar]d Holroide.** 1780. April 24. Dunkirk.

Desires to return to Boulogne and settle there; has been informed that he must obtain permission from the Minister himself; is an Englishman, but disapproves of his King, and wishes to live outside a country that countenances tyranny and coercion. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 40.**

From **E. Conte and others.** 1780. April 24. Marseilles.

After having disposed of commodities in America to the amount of $24,000, they placed this sum with a French agent, M. Lareguy, in Boston; since that time, their vessel was first disabled and then taken by the English; as this money alone stands between them and destitution, beg Franklin's assistance in procuring it. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 41.**

From **John Diot & Co.** 1780. April 25. Morlaix.

A severe illness prevented his sending the subjoined journal of the "Black Prince"; that unfortunate privateer wrecked on the coast of Normandy, while endeavoring to escape from two English frigates; much obliged for the speedy judgment of the "Phillip" and hope for the same rapidity with the other prizes; by such means the owners of the "Black Prince" will be enabled to fit out another privateer. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 42.**

From **D. Jacquier & Co.** 1780. April 25. Nantes.

Desiring to know the date of the capture of Savannah by the English. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 43.**

From ——— **Lefrique.** 1780. April 25. Paris.

Concerning a package of books for Franklin retained in the custom house; promised Mme. Laboureau to send her the first package which arrived for Franklin, that she might have the pleasure of delivering it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 44.**

From ——— **Dereine.** 1780. April 26. Versailles.

Concerning the export of beans to America; this particular bean, from the Cape of Good Hope, very nourishing and inexpensive. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 45.**

From **Chevalier de Vosmon.** 1780. April 26. Paris.

Has something very interesting and satisfactory to report; asks for a special appointment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin appointing a certain day and hour. **XVIII, 46.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1780. April 26. Montigny.

Arrival of the vessel from Amsterdam with the different objects recommended to his care; unable to get them through the custom house without an order from Franklin. His son's house burned down; begs for any authentic news on the subject. Thinks Lord North having lost the majority in the House will bring about a peace; in the meantime, hopes to hear that Mr. Washington is in possession of New York. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 47.**

From **Charles Collins.** 1780. April 26. Cherbourg.

Willing to go on board the "Black Princess" until it is Franklin's pleasure to send him on board some Continental vessel bound for America; anxious that his friends there should be informed of his safety. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 48.**

From [**Dr.**] **Tho[mas] Bond.** 1780. April 27. Philadelphia.

Introducing John Foulke and George Fox; the former has obtained a degree of Medicine in the Philadelphia University, the latter is entitled to one in the arts. Considers it a great loss to America that agriculture, natural history and the arts have not been objects of public attention; has hinted to Mr. Fox, a man of fortune and genius, a way of doing honor to himself and his country in this direction; hopes Franklin will endorse this advice. The past winter in North America the severest and longest ever known; the [American] Philosophical Society will publish an historical account of its effect on insects and vegetation; the Society is incorporated and has a prospect of becoming more respectable; the publication of another volume of Transactions delayed by the scarcity of paper. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 49.**

From **Jos[eph] Wharton, [Jr.].** 1780. April 27. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to him while at Passy. Introducing Dr. John Foulke who, owing to the singular tenets of the Quakers, has not been active in the field, though very useful in the hospitals; his object in visiting France is to improve himself in surgery and physics. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 50.**

From ——— **Bion.** 1780. April 28. Dieppe.

Begging for news of his son, who sailed as Lieutenant on board "Le Chasseur" under the escort of M. de La Motte Picquet and three Boston frigates bound for Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 51.**

From **Isaac Valeton.** 1780. April 28. Rotterdam.

Declaring in legal phraseology, with affidavits of witnesses appended, the ownership of the vessel "Goude Roos" by the Messrs. de Conyngh. D. S. 4 p. (In French, translated from the Dutch.) **XVIII, 52.**

From **J[ean] C[onrad] Zollickoffer.** 1780. April 29. Bordeaux.

Hopes Franklin received the packets entrusted to the care of Captain De Freÿ. Desires information about the negotiation of certain bills. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 54.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. April 30. Paris.

Concerning a box of books forwarded to Franklin's address by Mr. Magellan and destined for various persons in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 55.**

From **Ostervald & Bosset Deluse.** 1780. April 31. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's order for the printing of a pamphlet; estimate of the price; their ardent desire to serve Franklin and his compatriots. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 56.**

From [**Johan Heinrich,**] **Baron de Wülffen.** 1780. April. Paris.

Is a Captain of Dragoons in the service of the United States, released from imprisonment in England, asks for back pay due him for the past eight months. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 83.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1780. May 1. Boston.

Heard with pleasure of Franklin's perfect state of health; hopes that half a century hence they may be drinking a bottle to the health of His Most Christian Majesty; appropriateness of this title as born by the present King. Recommends Mr. Guild to Franklin's kind attention; sends a copy of the Constitution of Government lately agreed on by their State Convention to be submitted to the consideration of the people. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 57.**

From **Count [de] Sarsfield.** 1780. May 1. Paris.

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dine with him on the fourth of May. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XVIII, 58.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1780. May 1. Leghorn.

Concerning the sale of the Map of Topographical Description; quotes from Governor Pownall's letter to her upon this head, in which he promises that any profits from the sale shall be placed with Dr. Franklin to her account; desires to know if this was done. Mr. Barry absent on business for the last nine months; is in sore need of money. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 59.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. May 1. Amsterdam.

The American cause of growing consequence in Holland. Sends the enclosed by direction of Commodore J. P. Jones. Account of the scattered fleet of Clinton, who arrived in Georgia with his small remaining force—all favorable to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 60.**

From **P. de Monchanin.** 1780. May 2. Paris.

Apologizes for troubling Franklin to return his manuscript—"Un Catechisme Moral et Politique." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 61.**

From **Chevalier de Vosmon.** 1780. May 2. Paris.

Had the honor of asking for an appointment several days before, and requests that some attention be paid to it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 62.**

From **[Jean Jacques] Caffieri.** 1780. May 3. Paris.

Inviting Franklin to come to his atelier and see the statue in marble he has made of St. Satyre, destined for the Church of the Invalides. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 63.**

From **James Lovell.** 1780. May 4.

Has not time to write of public affairs; refers Franklin to the journals and gazettes as well as to the conversation of Mr. Robert Mease, whom he recommends to Franklin's civilities. No letter received from Franklin since that of September 30th, nor any copy of the instrument annulling the 11th and 12th Articles of the treaty. [A cipher code enclosed.] A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 64.**

From **Abbé de Boisrenard.** 1780. May 5. Lorges.

Is engaged on a poem on America; applies to Franklin to throw light on certain questions and thus enable him to complete the work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 65.**

From **Mourette, Marquise de Montagot.** 1780. May 5. Beaucaire.

Repeats her request in favor of Pierre Colomb (see XVII, 59). A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 66.**

From **Philippe de Delleville.** 1780. May 5. Bayeux.

The proceeds from the sale of the boat, in which the Americans escaped, will be divided among them; what little he did for them was purely out of devotion to the American cause. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 67.**

From **Aug[uste] Lesage.** 1780. May 5. Lille.

Has written twice to Franklin concerning a package belonging to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 68.**

From **Alexandre Morisse.** 1780. May 6. Dunkirk.

Is about to fit out a corsair against the common enemy; desires Franklin's approval and wishes to know how many shares he will consent to take in the enterprise. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 69.**

From **Chevalier Dieche.** 1780. May 8. Saint Martory.

Encloses two letters for le Chevalier de Villefranche; asks that he may be promoted to a higher grade in the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 70.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. May 8. L'Orient.

Quoting an extract from a letter of Dr. Lawrence Brooke, late Surgeon of the "Bonhomme Richard," giving an account of the capture and detention of Capt. Cunningham, whose feeble state of health, he fears, will lead to fatal results unless steps are at once taken for his liberation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 71.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1780. May 9. Paris.

Is more than grateful for Franklin's promise to sit several times for his portrait; has chosen the artist, who is the bearer of this letter and who will be glad of a sitting, if convenient. Is about to leave for Chartres, and in six weeks will bring Franklin the impression of the type, as well as a treatise upon the "Origin of Printing," written by his father. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 72.**

From **The First Medical Society in the Thirteen United States of America.** 1780. May 10. New Fairfield, Conn.

Hearing that Dr. Franklin is a member of the Royal Medical Society of France, asks him in behalf of the Medical Society of the United States to use his influence in having a regular correspondence established between the two. A. L. S. James Potter, President. 1 p. **LIV, 67.**

From ——— **Cabanis fils.** 1780. May 10. Brive.

His father anxious to have certain details in regard to lightning rods, which he wishes to put in his house. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 73.**

From [**Charles**] **Millon.** 1780. May 11. Paris.

Has just discovered that he made a mistake in referring to a passage in the XIIth book of Diodorus Siculus; should have said the XIth book, paragraph xxxvi, in which the Greek priests seem, on certain occasions, to have used their knowledge of electricity to work signs and wonders. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 74.**

From **Will[iam] Finnie.** 1780. May 12. Williamsburg, Va.

Announcing the loss of certain certificates and requests that should they be offered for payment, they be protested. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XVIII, 75 and 76.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. May 12. L'Orient.

Enclosing an important letter for Capt. Jones, containing certain statements connected with the capture of the English ship "Serapis." A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 77.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. May 12. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 11th ult., which he at once communicated to the Board of Sick and Hurt; their opinion that it would be better to wait for the letter from M. de Sartine and lay the whole thing before the Admiralty at the same time; the Board's reluctance to accept French captured prisoners in exchange for American ones; the reasons urged by him on this head. Particulars concerning Mr. [David] Williams's libellous article in the "Morning Post." Mr. [John] Whitehurst desires to know if his book arrived safely. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 78.**

From **Geo[rge] Scott.** 1780. May 13. Naples.

Begs Franklin to write a few lines to the Messrs. Crommelin, desiring them to sell his goods to the best possible advantage. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 79.**

From [**Baron H. H. de**] **Poellnitz.** 1780. May 13. Bordeaux.

Since his arrival at Bordeaux, has been unable to conceal his desire of being counted among the free men of America; has therefore sent in his resignation to the King of Prussia and only awaits peace to embark for Maryland or North Carolina; begs Franklin to continue his favorable disposition towards himself and his wife. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 80.**

From **Baron de Arendt.** 1780. May 13. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from the Comte de Vergennes. Takes this opportunity to repeat his request for a few moments' private interview. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 81.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. May 13. Dunkirk.

Has paid Mr. Coffyn the sum Franklin was so good as to give the bold d'Estaing; begs that no more advances shall be made to the people of the privateers, as they are mostly paid beforehand for their cruize and are very extravagant. Concerning the capture of the "Flora" by the "Black Prince," and the dispute about the cargo. Begs him to order the Admiralty at Morlaix to sell certain prizes, as the cargoes are spoiling, and the condemnations not yet ready. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 82.**

From ——— **Fontaine.** 1780. May 14. Freiburg.

Wishes to know what inducements will be offered to colonists to settle in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 83.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1780. May 14. L'Ecole Royale, Paris.

Has heard rumors of peace and hopes they are authentic. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 84.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. May 14. Philadelphia.

Notification that bills of exchange have been furnished to Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 69.**

From ——— **Allaire.** 1780. May 15. Paris.

Begs Franklin's intervention on behalf of a [Peter][1] Allaire, an American prisoner in the Bastile; reasons for thinking the present time propitious. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 85.**

[1] See Metropolitan Magazine, Nov., 1907, p. 180.

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1780. May 15. L'Orient.

Sending Franklin a copy of a curious confidential letter, dated January 30th, from Gen. Clinton to Lord George Germain, which appeared in a newspaper of the 8th of April. Capt. Montgomery reports the markets of Philadelphia abundant and reasonable; as many vessels loading in the harbor as in times of peace, and the people under no apprehension of Charlestown being taken. Is extremely impatient for Capt. Jones's return, as they find L'Orient both dull and unhealthy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 86.**

From **Baron de Arendt.** [1780.] May 16.

Inquires if he can see him that afternoon. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 210.**

From **Geo[rge] Scott.** 1780. May 17. Naples.

Begs for a hint of any favorable turn of affairs in the present unhappy war. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 87.**

From **John Wheeler.** 1780. May 17. Dinan prison.

Is an Irish sailor whose parents are settled near Philadelphia; lately captured by a French privateer and is now in Dinan prison; wishes to serve under the American flag, as do several other Irish prisoners with him; begs for his release. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 88.**

From ——— **Nartus.** 1780. May 17. Paris.

Desires to serve America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 89.**

From **Sieur De Pommereuille.** 1780. May 18. Paris.

Begs that an old musketeer, the Sieur de Ballivit, may accompany Capt. Jones on his next voyage in any capacity whatsoever; he has the best recommendations from his late commander, the Earl of Montboissier; asks for a letter in his favor to Capt. Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 89½.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. May 19. The Hague.

Acceptance of Russia's proposals by the States-General of Holland; agreeable sensation produced at the Russian Court by the Resolution of Holland; the Prussian Minister's condemnation of England's insolent proceedings against the Republic. The idea of an armed neutrality popular among the powers, in order to humiliate England. Offense he has given the Grand Facteur; efforts he has made to placate him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 162.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1780. May 19. Philadelphia.

In regard to bills to be drawn upon Benjamin Franklin and John Jay to the amount of $25,000 each, to be expended in bringing the army into the field, and in forwarding supplies. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y [of the Continental Congress] and Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y [of the Treasury Office]. 1 p. **LIV, 70.**

From **James Milne.** 1780. May 19. Paris.

Desires Franklin's attention on behalf of objects which concern America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 90.**

From **The Officers of the Admiralty.** 1780. May 19. Dunkirk.

Concerning the frigate, the "Countess of Scarborough," taken by the "Pallas"; a day has been fixed for the sale of this prize. A. L. S. Coppen d'Hertin and ——— Janssoone. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 91.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. May 20. Dunkirk.

Concerning the condemnations referred to in his letter of the 13th inst., as well as the legality of the prize "Aurora." A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 92.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. May 21. Chatillon.

Receipt of box of books from London, some destined for Franklin. Letter received from Mr. Ingen Housz with several notes for the French edition of his work; has not yet received the proofs. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 93.**

From ——— **Hugounen.** 1780. May 21. Paris.

In February, 1776, as commander of a French vessel loaded with ammunition for Congress, had the honor of paying his respects to Franklin; desires permission to do so again. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 94.**

From **[La Duchesse] la Rochefoucauld d'Anville.** 1780. May 22. La Rocheguyon.

Asking for a recommendation on behalf of two young men from Geneva who, it is believed, have gone to Philadelphia, or to the Continental army; their names are [Albert] Gallatin and [Henri] Ser[re]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 95.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 454; Bigelow, VII, 59).

From **Baron de Arendt.** 1780. May 22. Paris.

Is in the greatest distress owing to Franklin's refusal; begs him at least to write a few lines to Congress, stating that he will justify his prolonged absence by letters from Mr. Lee now in his hands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 96.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1780. May 23. Boston.

Arrival of the Marquis de la Fayette in the "Hermione"; advantages to be looked for from the presence of this frigate. High estimate in which the Comte d'Estaing is held; services he has rendered the cause. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 97.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 455; Bigelow, VII, 60).

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1780. May 23. The Hague.

Humble apologies made by him to the Grand Facteur; no result so far. News from St. Eustache of the embarrassing position of the English in those waters. Opposition to Amsterdam's request. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 163.**

From ——— **Duclos.** 1780. May 24. Corbeny.

Asking Franklin's favor on behalf of his relative, Davesne, who desires to pursue his military career in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 99.**

From **Chevalier Depotien Duboishalbrand.** 1780. May 24. Rabastens.

Arrived from Baltimore with a hundred and thirty-two dollars in Pennsylvania money; desires to know where he can get its equivalent in French money; all he has left after a twenty months' imprisonment in New York. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 100.**

From **J. K. Read.** 1780. May 25. Richmond, Va.

Introducing Joseph Mayo, a gentleman of the first character and fortune in Virginia. **XVIII, 101.**

From **Joachim Reallon.** 1780. May 26. Saint Jean-de-Luz.

Agreed with Richard Graham & Co. to take charge of the sloop "Canister" from Dumfries, Va., to France; was taken prisoner, carried to England and lately exchanged; the agreement was that he should be paid twenty pounds in case he was taken; desires to know how he is to procure the said sum. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 102.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. May 26. Dunkirk.

Furnishing further evidence of their just and undeniable claim to the cargo of the "Aurora"; entreats Franklin to hasten her condemnation, as well as that of several other prizes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 103.**

From **P[eter] Allaire.** 1780. May 26. Paris.

Franklin to deliver to the bearer the paper of [James's] powders and [William] Eden's letters to [the Earl of] Carlisle. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 104.**

From **Ja[me]s Adams.** 1780. May 27. "Mill Prison," Plymouth.

Bears a Master's Warrant in the service of the United States; taken prisoner eighteen months before and carried to England; the prospect of an early exchange has wholly vanished; hopes that his rank in the navy will entitle him to Franklin's notice, and to a small sum of money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 105.**

From [**Pierre Simon**] **B[enjamin] Du Vivier.** 1780. May 27. Paris.

The medals ordered by Franklin are finished; only waits for the names of the recipients to engrave them thereon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 106.**

From **Chevalier de Pougens.** 1780. May 29. Paris.

Begs for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 107.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. May 29. The Hague.

Publication of Gen. Clinton's letter. Two bills drawn on Mr. Laurens in the name of Congress; injury to American credit owing to the non-arrival of the gentleman; M. de Neufville's promise to pay one. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French, partly in cipher and deciphered.) **XXXIX, 164.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. May 29. L'Orient.

Stating his determination to retake the command of the ship "Alliance," unless Franklin has some express authority for depriving him of it; his responsibility to those who entrusted the vessel to his charge. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 108.**

Printed in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 329.

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. May 29. Amsterdam.

Enclosing certain bills of exchange drawn on Henry Laurens, Esq., and discussing the necessary provisions to be made for their payment, in case Mr. Laurens fails to appear in a fortnight. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 109.**

From **"Your Ould Friends in Broad St."** 1780. May 30. London.

Enclosing a printed account of certain war-like inventions discovered by John Cross, an ingenious English engineer, who offers his services to France and America. L. 1 p. **XVIII, 110.**

From **T[homas] D[igges].** 1780. May 30. London.

Requests Dr. Franklin to procure, if possible, some written instrument whereby the baggage of Dr. Upton Scott of Annapolis, Md., may be secure from seizure, should the vessel upon which he embarks for home be seized by an American cruiser; Dr. Scott's character. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 40.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1780. May 31.

Draughts drawn by John Adams and his Secretary, Mr. Dana, to be paid by the Minister at Versailles until further notice. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 71.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1780. May 31.

Commending the action of the Minister at Versailles in relation to prizes taken by Captain John Paul Jones, but released by the Court of Denmark. Accompanied by the preceding instructions in regard to the salaries of John Adams and Mr. Dana. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 72.**

From ——— **[De] Lafreté.** 1780. May 31. Paris.

Charged by Madame [De] Lafreté to remind Franklin not to lose a certain letter, but to put it in his pocket the first time he comes to see her. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 111.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. May 31 (?). L'Orient.

Duplicate of XVIII, 108, with the additional remark that both officers and crew desire him to return to his command, as well as a copy of a letter from the Admiralty Office in Philadelphia, sent to him as Captain of the "Alliance." A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 112.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1780. May. The Hague.

Cause of the breach between himself and the French Ambassador. Reasons why he wishes to be the first to speak to Mr. Laurens. No truth in the report that any Dutch city has concluded a treaty with the United States. His opinion on the question of the Dutch ship taken by Mr. Jones. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 165.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1780. June 1.

An order for carrying out Resolutions of Congress of May 19, 1780, drawing on Dr. Franklin for $25,000. D. S. Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y. 3 p. **LIV, 73.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. June 2. The Hague.

Both bills drawn on Mr. Laurens to be accepted by Messrs. de Neufville. Concerning the Dutch ship taken by Mr. Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 166.**

From **John Diot & Co.** 1780. June 2. Morlaix.

Surprised that the papers relative to the "Betsey" never reached him; a blunder on the part of the Admiralty Office; difficulties in the way of selling the two other prizes, "Peter" and "Friendship." Safe arrival of the "Black Princess" after a thrilling encounter with three English frigates, who used glass bottles with which they rammed their guns; no man wounded thus could possibly recover. Disagreement between Capt. Macatter and the Commissary of the Marine at Morlaix; the latter threatens to retain the privateer and throw the Captain into jail; appeals to Franklin for redress. A. L. S. 6 p. **XVIII, 114.**

From **Jean Louis Favre.** 1780. June 3. Havre.

Certifying that Samuel Nuttle, an American, served on board his frigate as first lieutenant and fulfilled all his duties with the greatest exactitude; thinks his forty years' experience on the sea entitles him to the position of Captain. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 115.**

From **[Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval].** 1780. June 4. Versailles.

Concerning a box of furs belonging to Mr. [Robert] Keith, carried by mistake to St. Pierre, and the greater part subsequently ruined or lost, begs Franklin to dispose of the remainder to the best possible advantage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 116.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1780. June 4. Montbéliard.

Would like to be supported for the remainder of his days. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 117.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1780. June 4. Paris.

Has just heard that the Congress, in recognition of the services rendered by the late Count Pulaski, have resolved to erect a monument to his memory, to be executed by a French artist. Reminds Franklin of his promise to give to him the execution of any monuments ordered. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 118.**

From **John Diot & Co.** 1780. June 5. Morlaix.

Renewing their entreaties for the speedy release of the "Black Princess"; if Franklin does not take Capt. Macatter's part with the French Ministry, she is like to be detained much longer; incredible harm this delay causes her owners; the Captain's offense in enlisting French sailors was one of ignorance, which he endeavored to correct by their immediate release. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 119.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet** [**de Vaux**]. 1780. June 6. Paris.

Inviting Franklin to be present at the opening of *l'Ecole de Boulangerie;* he and M. Parmentier will make speeches and they will consider themselves honored by Franklin's presence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 120.**

From [**Johan Heinrich,**] **Baron de Wülffen.** 1780. June 6. Paris.

Has abandoned everything for the United States; weakened by wounds, he was taken prisoner by the English and treated in the most inhuman manner; desires to return at once to America; demands his Captain's pay for the last eight months, the amount that his rations would have cost and a new uniform. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 121.**

From **Samuel Nuttle.** 1780. June 6. Havre-de-Grace.

Is an American who desires employment in his country's service; served as First Lieutenant on board the French ship "Josephine"; begs Franklin to procure him a dispensation from the Minister, in order that he may be admitted as Captain in the French merchant service. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 122.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. June 6. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 27th ult. with the enclosed judgment, giving up the ship "Aurora" and condemning (under some hard restrictions) the cargo; makes some observations on the justice of this decision and asks for information on one or two points; encloses a paper respecting the cargo and its owners. A. L. S. 3 p.
XVIII, 123.

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. June 6. The Hague.

No news of Mr. Laurens. Absence of the French Ambassador. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 167.**

From **John Butler.** 1780. June 7. Passy.

Has just arrived from London, and desires an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 124.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. June 7. Dunkirk.

Showed Capt. Dowlin Franklin's letter concerning the "Peter" and the "Friendship"; defends the Captain against the suspicions therein entertained; hopes the enclosed proofs [5 p.] will convince Franklin of the genuineness of these prizes and determine their condemnation. Trusts Franklin will see justice done to Capt. Macatter and his brave boys who fought three Guernsey privateers for nine hours and cut everyone to pieces. Capt. Ryan's distinguished conduct in the "Fearno(ugh)t." A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 125.**

From **J. Marky.** 1780. June 9. Paris.

Desires to learn the safest way to convey a letter to Charles County, Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 126.**

From ——— **Dumouriez.** 1780. June 10. Cherbourg.

Forwards a package of letters from American prisoners in England; has redirected the envelope without breaking the seal, so that Franklin may the better judge of their genuineness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 128.**

From [**Johan Heinrich,**] **Baron de Wülffen.** 1780. June 10. Paris.

Begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded to America; is grateful for the twelve louis; needs thirty more by the eighteenth.

As soon as his wounds permit, expects to reimbark for America where he looks forward to shedding his blood once more in such a glorious cause. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 129.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. June 11. Dunkirk.

Bemoans the detention of the "Black Princess"; the opportunities she is missing of making prizes and distressing the enemy, and the great expense of her maintenance; will answer for the innocence in this matter of the good-natured and brave Capt. Macatter; accuses the Commissary at Morlaix of jealousy and of exceeding his prerogatives. Encloses a copy of the testimony of Capt. Macatter and crew. (4 p. In French.) A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 130.**

From **John Rainey.** 1780. June 12. Amsterdam.

Concerning Continental Loan-Office Certificates in his possession which are greatly reduced in value, and which he is anxious to dispose of in Holland, France or Spain; asks Franklin's advice in the matter, as such a step might prove detrimental to the credit of the United States. Report from London of Lord G. Gordon having gone up to the Parliament Houses with 5,000 men and a petition against the Popery Bill, etc. The prevailing opinion is that if Charleston can hold out, the English will withdraw their troops from the United States. A. L. S. 5 p. **XVIII, 132.**

From **The Commodore of the Navy of the State of South Carolina.** 1780. June 12. L'Orient.

Has the direction of one vessel for the service of South Carolina and is about to buy others; asks Franklin to aid him in procuring the necessary officers and seamen and to grant passes to such as he may engage; believes such assistance to be due him, in spite of the uniform opposition his efforts have met with in Europe; expects to purchase the prize-ship, "Serapis." Apologizes for interfering, but is strongly of the opinion that Capt. Landais should either be allowed to assume the command of the "Alliance" or be shown the order from Congress forbidding such a step. A. L. S. A[lexander] Gillon. 2 p. **XVIII, 133.**

From ——— **Depotot and** ——— **Desgrange.**

1780. June 13. Versailles.

Asking for a commission in the United States army; desire merely the rank of Lieutenant, which they have held in France for five years, and to have their traveling expenses paid. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 134.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1780. June 13. Nantes.

Encloses letters just arrived from New London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 135.**

From **James Russell.** 1780. June 13. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 20th ult. directed to Messrs. Stanbury, Grove & Russell; Mr. Stanbury is at Bath but expects to be in London in a month, at which time the letter shall receive an answer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 136.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1780. June 13. L'Orient.

The disturbances on board the "Alliance" in consequence of Capt. Landais's assuming the command of that frigate; the Captain's probable motives in taking this step; his own private sentiments on the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 137.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. June 13. L'Orient.

On his arrival found that Capt. Landais, encouraged by Mr. Lee and Mr. Gillon, had raised a party spirit on board the "Alliance"; steps he took to meet such a move; this very day during his absence, Capt. Landais went on board the "Alliance" and declared his intention of keeping the command by force, if necessary; no steps can be taken without written orders from Franklin; encloses letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty, upon which Captain Landais bases his pretentions. The armament of the "Ariel" rapidly advancing; expects the two ships to carry to America the articles immediately wanted; clothes more important than muskets. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 138.**

Printed in part in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 335.

From **Arthur Lee.** 1780. June 13. L'Orient.

The passport given him by Franklin has expired and is now useless; will be obliged for another one. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 139.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. June 13. Paris.

Promised him any literary news which came in his way; quotes from a letter just received from London, giving an account of a house which had conductors, being struck by lightning; account of a cure for scurvy which Capt. Cook ascertained from a Dutch sea captain; this consisted in scraping a plant called *conferva* from the ship's side and eating it as a salad. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 140.**

From **Samuel Wharton.** 1780. June 14. L'Orient.

Complaints about Capt. Landais and the original officers of the "Alliance" refusing to give up command of the vessel to Capt. Jones. Capt. Landais reported reasons for doing so. Thinks the latter is being made use of by Franklin's personal enemies. Suspects Mr. Lee is at the bottom of the affair. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **LXXI, 92.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1780. June 14. L'Orient.

Concerning the atrocious conduct of Capt. Landais in taking possession of the "Alliance"; partisans of Landais assert that Franklin assumed a power unwarranted by his Ministerial office in suspending Landais and giving the command to Capt. Jones; thinks that Landais is being made use of to create confusion and delay the public stores; the facts would not authorize his declaring Mr. Lee to be at the bottom of the affair, but thinks there is little doubt that he employed every indirect means in his power to that end. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 141.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. June 14. L'Orient.

Has taken command of the "Alliance"; in accordance with the advice of the principal Americans and the desire of his officers and crew; in obedience to the enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Honorable Navy Board [1 p.], is determined to carry her to America; desires that Franklin will have the officers and crew paid their prize money and forward his despatches that he may fulfil the orders of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XVIII, 142 and 143.**

Printed in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 333.

From ——— **Cossoul.** 1780. June 15. Nantes.

Writes on behalf of his friend Mr. Watson, relative to certain notes drawn on Franklin but unfortunately lost in Boston by Mr. Foster; asks that all precautions may be taken to prevent their being paid to anyone but Mr. Watson. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 145.**

From [C. G. F.] **Dumas.** 1780. June 15. The Hague.

Giving a complete account of M. Corn. Van Oudermeulen, who has a secret of some importance to communicate to Franklin. Sir Joseph Yorke's denial of the genuineness of the published letter of General Clinton. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 168.**

From [C. G. F.] **Dumas.** 1780. June 15. The Hague.

Awaiting his decision relative to the vessel "Flora." Will make good use of Franklin's letter to the owners of American privateers. Delighted with his reflections on the subject of Gen. Clinton's letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 169.**

From **John Rainey.** 1780. June 15. Amsterdam.

Report received of the guards having fired on the people in London and killed many. A ship from St. Eustatia reports the English fleet defeated in another battle with the French fleet. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 146.**

From **James Moylan.** 1780. June 15. L'Orient.

Was informed that a number of sailors belonging to the service of the United States, and now under the command of Capt. J. P. Jones, had engaged with Commodore Gillon of South Carolina and had been sent to some town in Holland; had them arrested and lodged in the prison at l'Orient; his authority for this step; threats made against him by Commodore Gillon; if such desertions are permitted, there will not be sufficient sailors left for the transportation of the supplies for the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 147.**

From **Nic. Barth Reimers.** 1780. June 16. Orleans.

Is a subject of the Empress of Russia; begs for a situation in the service of the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 148.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. June 16. L'Orient.

Wrote on the 14th inst. that he had reassumed the command of the "Alliance." Wishes orders in regard to powder and cannon on board; has repeatedly written for the prize-money due his people, but has never had the honor of a reply. Encloses copy of his commission with the necessary documents to show that he has the sole right to command the "Alliance." Ready to receive any orders or despatches for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 149.**

From ——— **Engelhard.** 1780. June 17. Brumath.

Studied at Strasburg; was Assistant Surgeon in the Royal Swiss Guards at Paris; desires the promise of a sure position in America and his passage over paid. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 150.**

From **J. Marky.** 1780. June 18. Irish Seminary.

Expressing his appreciation of Franklin's offer to have his letters conveyed to America; sends the packet with their duplicates. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 151.**

From **Chrestien & Co.** 1780. June 19. Paris.

Concerning an order received from M. Chardron, Agent for Massachusetts, to furnish ninety pieces of cloth for the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 152.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. June 19. Passy.

Enclosing a letter from M. de Montplaisir who was entrusted with the forwarding of the squadron under Commodore Jones; from this letter Franklin may see that Mr. Lee and Commodore Gillon have publicly encouraged the reprehensible conduct of the crew of the "Alliance"; suggests that this letter may be communicated to M. de Vergennes, who may think it expedient to propose to these gentlemen to keep away from l'Orient, at least until the "Alliance" is ready to sail. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 153.**

From **John Torris.** 1780. June 19. Dunkirk.

Enclosing the declaration [2 p., in French] made by Capt. Thos. Byrne, late of the schooner "Peter," before a Notary Public in London, which effectually removes the suspicions Franklin entertained of this prize being not really English; hopes there will be no further delay in her condemnation. Has not yet heard of the release of the "Poor Princess" and her brave people. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 153½.**

From ——— **De Reine.** 1780. June 20. Versailles.

Sends Franklin a bottle of Rake which they use to make their punch and which they prefer to rum or tafia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 154.**

From [**Madame**] **Noailles de la Fayette.** 1780. June 20. Paris.

Desires news of Charlestown, [S. C.,] as well as the truth concerning the reported defeat of the English and the death of Gen. Clinton; as a good American herself, and the wife of one whom America has honored, begs that this favor may be granted her. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 154½.**

From [**Sir**] **John Lambert.** 1780. June 20. Paris.

Desired by Mr. James Cuming, of Philadelphia, to request him to stop payment on two bills, lost or mislaid. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 155.**

From **Deacon M. Auer.** 1780. June 20. Ebingen, Würtemberg.

Refers to fourfold letter (see LIX, 35 and 37), sent in September, 1779, relative to estate of Catharine Hocklerin's son in the care of Christian Schneider, in Germantown. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 82.**

From **Joseph Gardoqui & Sons.** 1780. June 21. Bilbao.

Announcing the arrival of the "General Pickering" from Salem; the Captain, having a good deal of room on board to spare, desires to offer it to Franklin for the freighting of any goods to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 156.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. June 21. L'Orient.

Was informed at Versailles, by M. de Genet, that an express had been sent from Court with the necessary orders to the King's officers at l'Orient respecting Captain Landais and the "Alliance." The evening before the "Alliance" had been towed to Port Louis; plans on the part of M. de Thevenard, the Commandant, to stop the "Alliance," even ordering the fort to fire upon and sink her, if necessary; his interference alone prevented such a catastrophe. The "Alliance" is now at anchor without, between Port Louis and Groa; has just sent Lieut. Dale with a letter to Capt. Landais. Account of a letter just received from Mr. Lee; is convinced he is disappointed at the failure of his plots to produce bloodshed between France and America. Yesterday sent a letter [3 p., in French] he wrote to Capt. Parke of the Marines on board the "Alliance," setting forth the fatal consequences which must follow, should they persist in this mutiny; also enclosed copy of Dr. Franklin's letter of the 16th to Capt. Landais and to the

officers and people of the "Alliance," and desired an answer or a personal interview, and assuring them that they would, on returning to their duty, be done strict justice, and all his influences should be exerted to obtain their excuse for the past. Officers sent on board by the Commandant with the King's order for the arrest of Capt. Landais, who refused to surrender himself. Believes Lee and his party pretend to justify their measure by saying that Franklin did not put Capt. Landais under arrest, and that he cannot displace him. Believes them to be *English* at the bottom of their hearts. Mr. Dale just returned with an impertinent answer from Capt. Landais. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 157.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. June 22. The Hague.

Bewailing the sad news of the taking of Charlestown [, S. C.]; opinion of the Grand Facteur, with whom he is finally reconciled. A. L. S. a copy has been made. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 170.**

From **Van den Yver frères & Co.** 1780. June 22. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 28th ult. with copy of the judgment of the ship "Flora" and her cargo; at present she is ready to sail for Holland but is detained until her passport arrives; begs Franklin to send it by the first courier to the Admiralty at Cherbourg. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 158.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. June 23. L'Orient.

Sale of the "Serapis"; Mr. Williams and himself now on the lookout for a freight ship to transport the remaining tons of public stores to America, after the "Ariel" is filled; believes that the Government might be willing to lend the "Serapis"; advantages to be derived from such a course; expects to have small difficulty in manning the "Serapis" and "Ariel." The Commandant has just sent a new requisition to Capt. Landais for the seamen who served with him (Jones) in the "Bon Homme Richard." Franklin's favor of the 17th inst. just received; thinks money would make the people of the "Alliance" do anything. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 159.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. June 23. Paris.

Has just received a letter from the Comte de Vergennes on the subject of the Resolution of Congress of the 18th of March concerning

the paper bills, in which he says that the Chevalier de la Luzerne has orders to make the strongest representations on the subject; thinks, if there is still time, these orders should be stopped, until proper representations can be made at Court; advantage the enemies of America will take of such a move. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XVIII, 160.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. June 25. The Hague.

Efforts made to soften the effect of the bad news from America; his interview with the Russian Minister, Prince de Gallitzin; showed him Franklin's letter to the American privateers. Attempt made to burn the Russian fleet. M. Van Oudermeulen awaiting Franklin's reply to his letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 171.**

From **[Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine.** 1780. June 25. Versailles.

Concerning the indemnity to be paid the owners of the corsair "Fair Play," which was sunk in trying to land at Guadaloupe; the decision of His Majesty to pay the owners fifteen thousand livres seems more than favorable, as the brigantine was only lost through the fault of her Commander, Captain Giddings. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XVIII, 162.**

From **James Moylan.** 1780. June 25. L'Orient.

Armed with Franklin's note and the two letters addressed respectively to Capt. Landais and Lieut. James Degge, went on board the "Alliance" accompanied by Jonathan Williams, and acquainted Capt. Landais that on his signing a receipt he would be given the letter; this the Captain refused to do on account of the letter being addressed to the *late* Commander of the "Alliance," therefore only delivered the other letter to Lieut. Degge. Threats made against himself and Williams by Landais. A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 163.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. June 26. Paris.

Reasons why he does not think Franklin has the right to remove Capt. Landais from the command of a ship committed to him by Congress; crying need of a proper tribunal to decide such disputes; advises Franklin to pursue the mildest measures, by transmitting all the evidence to Congress or the Navy Board for a trial by court-martial and ordering the commanding officer of the "Alliance," with the stores and convoy, to America. Encloses the three queries sent to him. [1 p.] A. L. S. 3 p. **XVIII, 164.**

Printed in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 340.

From **Joseph Myrick.** 1780. June 27. St. Malo.

Has received a commission as Captain of the cutter, the "American Union"; having taken refuge in the above harbor, from an English ship, is detained there by the Commissary of the port, by order of M. de Sartine; applies to Franklin for protection; his crew as well as himself served formerly on board the "Black Prince"; disposition made of their prize-money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XVIII, 165.**

From [**Edme Jacques**] **Genet.** 1780. June 27. Versailles.

In accordance with the desire of Commodore Paul Jones, has had translated and sent to M. de Sartine all the papers in the enclosed packet. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 166.**

From **Baron de Arendt.** 1780. June 28. L'Orient.

Asks for a passage to America on board the "Alliance," all other ships filled; as he desires to pay for his passage and food, hopes his request will not be refused. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 167.**

From **Puchelberg & Co.** 1780. June 28. L'Orient.

Authorized by the officers and crew of the "Alliance" to act as their lawful attorneys and agents; asking for information in regard to the prize-money due this frigate. A. L. S. 2 p. **XVIII, 168.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. June 29. Paris.

Refers his correspondence with Count de Vergennes to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIV, 124.**

Printed in Diplomat. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 824.

From ——— **de Montluisan.** 1780. June 30. L'Orient.

Through the recommendation of the Marquis de la Fayette, he has been granted by the King the post of lieutenant of infantry; desires a passage to America on the "Alliance." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 169.**

From **Comte de Vergennes.** 1780. June 30. Versailles.

Relative to Mr. Adams's letters in regard to France's position against the Resolutions of Congress of March 18. Accompanied by a duplicate of letter from Mr. Adams to Comte de Vergennes, dated Paris, June 16, 1780. (See LIV, 109.) L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) **LIV, 119a.**

Printed in Diplomat. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, III, 827.

From **[Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval.**

1780. June 30. Versailles.

Enclosing Mr. Adams's original letter; begs for its return after a copy has been made. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XVIII, 170.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. June. Amsterdam.

Wrote by the last mail announcing that they were willing to protect the American credit by accepting provisionally certain bills drawn on Henry Laurens by order of Congress; explanation of the whole matter. A. L. S. 4 p. **XVIII, 171.**

From **U[rtado], M[arquis] Damdraga.** [*Circa* 1780.] July 1. Paris.

Making an appointment to dine with Franklin; hears of him often from M. Amelot. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 162.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1780. July 1. Nantes.

When he accepted the appointment of Congress, was not aware that he was expected to leave his family and business to attend to that of the public, without even his expenses being defrayed; will write Congress that he cannot possibly accept the trust on such terms. Is much obliged for the information about the business of the State of Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 1.**

From **The Crew of the "Bon Homme Richard."**

1780. July 2. On board the "Alliance."

Complaining that they have been in irons since Wednesday last and also on half rations; determined to remain prisoners until they go to America, unless Franklin will extricate them from their unhappy situation. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XIX, 2.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. July 2. Ship "Alliance" under Groa.

Enumerates the prizes taken and finds fault with the delay in selling them. All his people have been hard at work since he took command and he has heard no mutinous declarations; informed that Capt. Jones conversed with the officers and crew of the "Alliance"; desires that he should be reprimanded; will sail as soon as his people are paid; expects to answer for his conduct to those who gave him command of the "Alliance." A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XIX, 3 and 4.**

From ——— **de Sonnemaens.** 1780. July 2. Venlo.

Is surprised that his brother, Baron de Wülff[en], did not follow the good council and advice given him; anxious for him to come to Venlo and remain there till all his wounds are healed. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 5.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. July 4. The Hague.

Sent Franklin's letter to M. Van Oudermeulen. State of affairs in Holland; two opposing parties, one in favor of strengthening the army, the other, the navy. His own unhappy situation. Rumors current that Landais has taken possession of Jones's vessel, the "Alliance," in virtue of his American commission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 172.**

From **Timothy Kelly.** 1780. July 4. St. Malo.

Forced to embark on the cutter, the "American Union" under a French commission; this vessel at present detained at St. Malo by order of the Ministry; such treatment will prevent the Irish from joining the American cause; begs for justice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 7.**

From ——— **Demayr.** 1780. July 5.

Is a Prussian officer who wishes to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 8.**

From **Marquis de Valory.** 1780. July 5. Bordeaux.

Concerning a large sum of money,placed by him with Congress; desires to know if any interest will be paid him and when he may hope to be paid the principal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 9.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. July 5. L'Orient.

Since the 23d ult., has been doing his best to counteract the schemes of Landais and his party; enclosing copies of his letters to M. de Thevenard (1 p.) and to the crew of the "Alliance" (2 p.). Account of Mr. Blodget, purser of the "Alliance," having given himself up as a voluntary prisoner rather than attend him (Jones) on board the "Ariel" for the purpose of going over the accounts of the crew of the "Alliance." Thinks the crew will not weigh anchor until they are hopeless of receiving their money. Honored with Franklin's favor of the 27th ult. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 10.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. July 6. The Hague.

Arrival of Mr. Isaac White, of Salem, and Mr. Ed[ward] Jones, of Boston; account of their voyage; Americans undismayed by the taking of Charlestown; obliged to throw their letters and despatches overboard, owing to the extraordinary conduct of the French corsair, "La Princesse de Robec," Capt. Cornu. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 173.**

From **J[oh]n Diot & Co.** 1780. July 7. Morlaix.

Details of the cruise of the "Black Princess"; captured eight prizes which Capt. Macatter was forced to ransom, owing to the weakness of his crew; took the brig "Padmore"; hopes her judgment and condemnation will be issued soon. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 11.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. July 7. The Hague.

Busy translating the Protest of the minority of the Chapter of Munster, in order to send it to him; important contents of this paper. [3 p.] A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 174.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. July 7. The Hague.

Copy of a protest made by the minority in the Chapter of June 16th, 1780 against the election of a Prince of the House of Austria as coadjutor to the Grand Elector of the High Chapter. D. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 174a.**

From [**Johan Heinrich, Baron**] **de Wülffen.** 1780. July 7. Venlo.

He expects to rest and recuperate; desires nothing more than to return to his post; will therefore hold himself in readiness for Franklin's further orders. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 12.**

From **P[ierre] Landais.** 1780. July 7. "Alliance." At Groa.

Not having received Franklin's order for sailing, and seeing no prospect of having his people righted, is determined to seek justice for them in their own country; is getting under sail at once. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 13.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 339.

From **Baron d'Arros.** 1780. July 10. Versailles.

Has received no answer from Franklin to the letter written by Mme. de la Fayette in regard to his voyage to Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 14.**

From **Dupin D'assarts.** 1780. July 10. Assarts.

A retired officer who asks to shed his blood for the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 15.**

From **Puchelberg & Co.** 1780. July 10. L'Orient.

M. de Chaumont's responsibility for prize-money due the "Alliance"; M. Schweighauser will send Franklin the account of the furnitures they were obliged to make the "Alliance" for account of Congress. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 16.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. July 12. Paris.

Thinks he has found a suitable place for the young American doctor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 17.**

From **Sam[uel] Huntington.** 1780. July 12. Philadelphia.

Introducing the Hon. James Searle; is a member of Congress for Pennsylvania who goes to Europe charged with business of importance from that State; amount of bills which will be presented by Mr. Searle. The news of the siege and capitulation of Charlestown [, S. C.] will probably arrive before this letter. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 18.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. July 12. L'Orient.

Defends his conduct in leaving the "Alliance" and going up to Paris. Considers the delay in distributing the prize-money was the primary cause of the whole trouble with the "Alliance"; part played in the affair by Mr. Lee; under the circumstances believes that Tourville himself could not have prevented the plot from succeeding. If he had sufficient seamen, could be ready for sea in three days. Wages and prize-money due the crew of the "Bon Homme Richard." L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 19.**

From **Charles de Dyke.** 1780. July 13. Stralsund.

Anxious to enter the American army with a rank not less than First Lieutenant. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 6.**

From **E. Jackson.** 1780. July 13. Paris.

As a near relation of Dr. Cadwalader, of Philadelphia, desires an audience; sends by bearer the London papers from June 20th to July 4th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIX, 20.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. July 13. Amsterdam.

Discusses ways of procuring money for the payment of certain bills, should these be closed; question of making a loan in Holland; a proposition of their own for solving the difficulty. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIX, 20½.**

From **Robert Mease.** 1780. July 14. L'Orient.

In accordance with a letter just received from Jonathan Williams, gives information respecting the comparative value of hard money, bills of exchange and the circulating currency of America at the time of his departure from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 21.**

From ——— **Jacqué.** 1780. July 14. Châtillon-sur-Sèvre.

Concerning the cure for dropsy. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 22.**

From **Jacques de Roberdeau.** 1780. July 14. Haguenau.

Begs Franklin to procure a passage to America for his son who wishes to serve with their relative, Gen. Daniel de Roberdeau; enclosing an introductory letter for his son from M. de Barth, Syndic-General of the Province of Alsace (1 p.). A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 23.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1780. July 14. Paris.

He and M. de Maillebois, on the 20th of the month, will wait upon Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 24.**

From ——— **Sudlin.** 1780. July 15.

Having been unable to see Franklin, left a letter from the gentleman who received permission to paint Franklin's portrait. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 25.**

From **W. Brent.** 1780. July 17. Liège.

Requesting that the enclosed letters may be forwarded; supposes Franklin has heard of the battles in the West Indies, and the defeat of the Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 27.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1780. July 17. Paris.

Left with Mr. Williams a memorandum of payments which seemed to refer to Franklin's private expenses. Encloses an order drawn upon Mr. Deane and himself for £3,600, which he thinks Franklin must have forgotten. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 28.**

From **Samuel Cooper.** 1780. July 17. Boston.

Fears that the vessel in which Mr. Austin sailed has been lost. The bearer of this is the son of Henry Bromfield, Esq., who goes to England and France to settle his father's accounts; begs Franklin to assist him in the recovery of his property. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 28½.**

From **The Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem.**
1780. July 18. Carcassonne.

Thanking Dr. Franklin for the interest taken by him in the Andrieu family on their recommendation. Request him to continue his good offices. Inform him of the election of Prince Nicolas de Galitzin to the head of their Lodge. Invite Dr. Franklin to become affiliated with their temple. L. S. Roque, Ven[era]ble Exercice. 3 p. (In French.) **LIV, 76.**

From **Jno. Ross.** 1780. July 19. L'Orient.

The delays and difficulties in getting forward the stores, due to the disturbance on board the "Alliance." The "Ariel" only able to carry half the arms ordered. Advisability of recommending the brig "St. Luke" to the protection of Capt. Jones as well as any others sailing at the same time. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 29.**

From **Madame De Tonnerre.** 1780. July 19. Passy.

Begs to have two letters forwarded from le Chevalier de Feuilly who served some time in the American army. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 30.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. July 20. The Hague.

Blames Jones for the trouble on the "Alliance." Denmark about to declare herself in favor of an armed neutrality. Loan made to the Baron de Wülffen. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French, partly in cipher, deciphered.) **XXXIX, 175.**

From **Tristram Dalton.** 1780. July 22. Boston.

Concerning the payment of indemnity, ordered by the King of France, to Captain Giddings for the loss of the brigantine "Fair Play." A. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 41.**

From **Capt. Dezoteux.** 1780. July 22. L'Orient.

Desires the letters of recommendation promised him; sails with Captain Jones in a few days. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 31.**

From **H. Esser.** 1780. July 22. Venlo.

At the desire of M. de Wülffen, writes for the position of Captain, with three months' pay in advance; would like to join M. de Wülffen, who is on the point of returning to America. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 32.**

From **J[oh]n Diot & Co.** 1780. July 24. Morlaix.

The arrival of the prize "Padmore," Capt. Solomon Williams; forwarding abstract of the journal of the "Black Prince," Capt. Macatter, Commander, who expects that the prisoners taken will be exchanged for Americans now lying in English jails. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 33.**

From ——— **Champion.** 1780. July 24. Paris.

Offering to furnish the American troops with clothing, at a moderate figure. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 34.**

From **Magniel Montauban & Co.** 1780. July 24. Paris.

Offering to furnish the American troops with uniforms in accordance with any given model; enclosing price-list. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 35.**

From **W. Brent.** 1780. July 25. Liège.

His countrymen in high spirits; just had despatches from the English of the capture of Fort St. John [Florida], in America, from the Spaniards; accounts from Cornwallis of further successes in South Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 36.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. July 25. Nantes.

Arrival of a cartel at Morlaix; encloses a letter from Capt. [John] Manley; poor Cunningham still alive; wishes all these poor fellows could be exchanged; artifices used by the English to induce the prisoners to enter their service. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 64.**

From **Jean, Mr. Robeson's negro.** 1780. July 25. Le Petit Oatelet.

Begs his intercession with Captain [William] Robeson. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **CII, 87.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1780. July 25. Boston.

Offering his congratulations upon the safe arrival of the entire fleet from Brest, under the Chevalier de Ternay. News of the loss of Charlestown will arrive before his letter; General Lincoln and his whole army made prisoners and four frigates taken; difficulty of sending aid and supplying provisions caused the surrender. This loss and the arrival of the Marquis de la Fayette have awakened the States; great efforts being made to reinforce Gen. Washington's army. Barbarous conduct of the English in the Jerseys nobly opposed by Gen. [Nathanael] Greene with a handful of troops and the Jersey militia; Mrs. Calder, the wife of a clergyman cruelly murdered and many women abused. Report of a British fleet off Newport; supposed to be Graves joined with Arbuthnot. The bearer of this is his nephew, Richard Cooper, who has been some time in the naval service of his country. Recommends to Franklin's kindness his dear boy at Passy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 37.**

From **R[odolph] E[ric] Raspe.** 1780. July 25. London.

Recommending Baron Podmaniczki, a Hungarian noble who has been received with great distinction by the nobility and learned of London; admitted to the Royal Society and, according to the new principle, was taxed thirty guineas. Dr. [James] Graham, the prince of quacks, has set up a Temple of Health in the Adelphi and pretends to do

wonders with his electrical, magnetical, aerial, aetherial and musical influences. Mr. [David] Williams's lectures on Universal Toleration and Benevolence not productive of much result so far. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 38.**

From **Comte de Barbançon.** [*Circa* 1780.] July 25. Lille.

Successful planting of the pineapple sent him by Franklin. Fears his letter to Mr. Bartram, with Franklin's letter of recommendation, never reached its destination; sends another letter to which he begs him to add a few lines; offers to procure any plant which he desires cultivated in America. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLI, 129.**

From ——— **Fallavel.** 1780. July 26.

Request for a letter of recommendation for M. Dezoteux. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 39.**

From [**Capt.**] **Edward Macatter.** 1780. July 28. Morlaix.

Concerning his eighteen prisoners now in jail at Morlaix; the Commissary proposes to send them by the "Britannia," cartel ship, for exchange; prefers keeping them there rather than send them to England, on account of the uncertainty of their being exchanged for Americans; not a single man would sail with him did they not count upon the certainty of exchange. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 41.**

From ——— **de Illens.** 1780. July 28. Marseilles.

Begs to be informed if there is any way of procuring money due him from the sale of a certain cargo and left in the hands of Congress; alarmed at the depreciation of the currency. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 41½.**

From **George Leopold Besson.** 1780. July 29. Montbéliard.

Begs for help. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 42.**

From **Fran[ci]s Coffyn.** 1780. July 29. Dunkirk.

In accordance with the unfortunate Capt. Conyngham's request, encloses the letter received from him, dated Mill Prison, the 10th inst. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 43.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. July 29. Nantes.

Arrival of the "Fier Rodrique" with Messrs. Francis and Deane as passengers. No news of the Chevalier de Ternay at the time of their departure; people not despondent over the loss of Charlestown. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 65.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1780. July 29. Rochelle.

Has been in Rochelle two days after a forty-three days' passage from York, Virginia; length of crossing prevents his bringing any fresh news. Looks to being at Passy in a week or ten days. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 44.**

From **Will[iam] Strahan.** 1780. July 31. London.

Introducing Mr. Richard Henderson, son of a worthy Scotchman settled in Maryland; he has resided in London for the past seven years and goes to France with the sole object of advancing his law studies. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 45.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. July 31. Dunkirk.

Concerning the dangerous consequences attending the withdrawal from the "Black Princess" of her American commission; utterly impossible to recall it at any rate until her three months' cruize is out; his orders to Macatter were very positive not to touch or molest any neutral vessel whatsoever; the "Black Prince" lost some time before and her commission given up. Begs Franklin to forward with all despatch the condemnations of the "Black Princess's" ransoms. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 46.**

From **Parsons, Alstron & Co.** 1780. August 1. St. Pierre.

At the time of the departure for the Continent of William Bingham, the late Continental Agent, there were some English prisoners left with the Commander-in-chief of the island to be exchanged for an equal number of Americans; on account of Admiral Rodney's refusal to arrange a cartel, the Commander-in-chief has sent all the British captives to France; enclosing a list of those captured by subjects of the United States. Arrival of Spanish fleet in their seas the beginning of June. Account of the loss of Charlestown not yet authenticated. A. L. S. 7 p. **XIX, 47.**

From [**Johan Heinrich,**] **Baron de Wülffen.**
1780. August 1. Amsterdam.

Since his arrival has been ill, but is now better; his friends will present Franklin with letters bearing extraordinary news. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 48.**

From ——— **Tudesq.** 1780. August 1. Cette.

Enclosed packet to be forwarded to his brother-in-law, Jean Thouron, sea-captain; whom he believes to be in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 49.**

From [**Jules,**] **Comte de Montfort.** 1780. August 2. Paris.

Hopes that Franklin will be able to accept his invitation for dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 50.**

From ——— **Pfortzheim.** 1780. August 2. Arlon.

Announces his safe arrival in his own province. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 51.**

From **Penet, D'Acosta Brothers.** 1780. August 3. Nantes.

Recommending to Franklin's care a packet from the State of Virginia to Mr. Philip Mazzei. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 52.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **D[umas].** 1780. August 3. The Hague.

Departure of the envoys for St. Petersburg; instructions given them opposed by Amsterdam, but in vain; the Duke of Brunswick's part in the affair. Ridiculous behavior of the Baron de Wülffen. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French, partly in cipher, deciphered.) **XXXIX, 176.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. August 3.

Resolutions in regard to the issuance of bills of exchange to meet payments of interest. Copy of D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Secretary. Attested by Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y [of the Board of Treasury]. 1 p. **LIV, 78.**

By **The Board of Treasury.** 1780. August 4.

Order carrying out the preceding resolutions. D. S. Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 79.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. August 4. London.

Waited upon the "Board of Sick and Hurt"; enclosing a copy of a memorial in regard to the exchange of prisoners drawn up by them, and to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty; upon receipt of news concerning the Boston cartels, hears that Congress stopped all further exchange with New York. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 53.**

From **Pierre Bon de Corcelles.** 1780. August 5. Moudon.

Has a plan for the subjection of England by the United States; sends Franklin a thousand copies for distribution. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 54.**

From **J[oh]n Diot & Co.** 1780. August 7. Morlaix.

Will send off the prisoners of the "Black Princess" by another cartel ship lately arrived. Arrival of prize brig "Enterprise" taken by the "Black Princess," who, besides this, took six ransoms in the first three days of her cruise. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 55.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. August 7. L'Orient.

"Ariel" nearly ready for sea; difficulties encountered in settling with M. de Montplaisir the matter of wages for his men. Report spread by Mr. Gillon, of South Carolina, that Franklin had written him that the "Bon Homme Richard" was a privateer; asks that this report may be contradicted as, though false, it has done him much harm. No orders were ever sent by the Court to stop the "Alliance" by force; believes Landais was a mere cat's paw and that the blow was aimed against Franklin rather than himself. The bearer, the Comte de Vauban, sails with him on the "Ariel." L. S. 4 p. **XIX, 56.**

From **[Capt. Baron] de Freÿ.** 1780. August 8. Paris.

Requesting the loan of four more louis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 57.**

From **Comtesse de Rochambeau.** [1780?] August 8. Palais Royal.

Begs for a confirmation of the report that Mr. Clinton, having attacked the Comte de Rochambeau in his intrenchments, was repulsed with a loss of 1,500 men. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 57½.**

From **Abbé [Jacob] Hemmer.** 1780. August 8. Mannheim.

Presenting Dr. Franklin with the last volume on physics from the Academy of Manheim. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 114.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. August 9.

Resolutions relating to bills of exchange to be drawn on Benjamin Franklin to the amount of $100,000. Copy of D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec'y. Attested by Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec'y. [of the Board of Treasury]. 1 p. **LIV, 80.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1780. August 10.

Order carrying out the preceding resolutions. D. S. Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec'y. 1 p. **LIV, 81.**

From **[Capt. Baron] de Freÿ.** 1780. August 9. Paris.

Takes the liberty of renewing his former request. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 58.**

From **Louis Gourlet Duplessÿ.** 1780. August 11. Noyon.

Recounts his services to the United States. Was a resident of Quebec. Raised a corps of 50 Canadians at the outbreak of the war to fight for the United States. Served as Sergeant in Col. [Henry Beekman] Livingston's regiment. Was invalided and discharged with a pension. Returned to France with his family. Is now in destitute circumstances and begs Franklin to secure payment for him of his pension while in France. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 33.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. August 11. The Hague.

Cheered by Franklin's hopeful view of American affairs. His present disagreeable position; surrounded by enemies and spies; bad effect on his health; reminds Franklin of his promise to obtain from Congress a formal commission, ratifying his position of United States Agent. Enclosing a deposition [3 p.] by Isaac White and others concerning their pursuit and injury by a French ship. Disgusted with the Baron de Wülffen and his family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 177.**

From **E[dward Jackson] Jones.** 1780. August 11. Paris.

Requesting a small loan to enable him to leave for Bordeaux where he wishes to embark for America; a detailed account of his actions since embarking for Florida in the year 1768, and the causes which led to his present penniless condition. A. L. S. 5 p. **XIX, 59.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. August 11. L'Orient.

Nothing delays the departure of the "Ariel" but the settlement of the "Bon Homme Richard's" prize-money and wages; urgent need of some conclusion to this affair. A. L. S. 1 p. (Enclosed is a French translation.) **XIX, 60.**

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1780. August 11. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging the judgment for the first five ransoms of the "Black Princess"; has received no answer as yet relative to her commission. Believes Capt. John Bell, with his boy, are still prisoners at St. Omer, his brig "Hopewell" having been taken by the "Black Prince" and afterwards retaken by the enemy; hopes his long sufferings may be soon brought to an end by his exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 61.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. August 11. London.

The "Board of Sick and Hurt" informed him that the Lords of the Admiralty could not change their former resolution to exchange man for man of the American prisoners against man for man of His Majesty's subjects, taken by American vessels in Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 62.**

From **[Major Pierre François] de Boy.** 1780. August 12. Paris.

Enclosing a copy of his petition sent to the Minister of Marine; lost all his things when the British troops took Brunswick; suffered greatly during his three years' service in America, but was granted a thousand dollars by Congress to defray his expenses to France; his capture by the enemy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 63.**

From ——— **Cossoul.** 1780. August 12. Nantes.

Concerning bills accepted by him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 64.**

From **Thomas Mehaney.** 1780. August 13. Fortune [Forton] Prison.

Was formerly with Capt. Jones; begs for clothes and a trifle of money; has been almost twelve months in prison and is very weak. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 65.**

From **John Manley.** 1780. August 14. Mill Prison.

Has been informed by some officers of rank that they, with some seventy soldiers, were taken by the "Black Prince," robbed and then landed in their own country; always understood that one of the chief reasons for sending out privateers was to take prisoners for exchange; the French and Spanish prisoners are both to be exchanged but the Americans are utterly forsaken. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 66.**

From **Jacob Tucker.** 1780. August 15. Forton Prison.

Served on the frigate "Boston," Capt. Samuel Tucker. Is a relative of the latter. Was taken prisoner while on a prize-ship on his return to Boston, by a British frigate. Appeals for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **LX, 23.**

From **Fournier le jeune.** 1780. August 15. Paris.

Very grateful for the portrait of Franklin; both his wife and himself feel more than honored. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 67.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1780. August 15th. September 7th.

Resolves of Congress, respecting bills to be drawn upon Franklin for one hundred thousand dollars; the possessions held by the enemy in the south have necessitated this disagreeable step; thinks he can guarantee that not a single draught more will be made upon him. Congress has called for three millions more. Nothing but the weight of the taxes will put an end to the levity with which the currency is treated. Other vigorous measures likely to be adopted. A. L. S. James Lovell. 2 p. **XIX, 68.**

From **J[oh]n Diot & Co.** 1780. August 16. Morlaix.

Forwarding the procès-verbaux and the examinations relative to the "Enterprise," taken by the Admiralty Board of Brest. Another prize, the "St. Joseph," captured by the "Black Princess" as well as six ransoms; the eighteen prisoners taken are to be sent off at once on the cartel ship "The Indian Prince." A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 69.**

From ——— **Le Brigant.** 1780. August 16. Tréguier.

The language of the Colonies merely an offshoot from that of ancient Gaul and Britain, with whose descendants the United States will have no difficulty in forming the closest ties; depends on Franklin to spread this discovery abroad. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 70.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1780. August 17. Paris.

Asking Franklin to use his influence with M. de Sartine in the case of M[ajor] de Boy, which he believes to be a perfectly just one; M. de Boy served in America and was present when Burgoyne was made prisoner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 71.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. August 17. Amsterdam.

Hopes his countrymen will give up delusive dreams of peace and will devote themselves to augmenting their navy, finding out their own resources and depending on themselves. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 72.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 494).

From [**Mme.**] **De Poliange.** 1780. August 18. Paris.

Forwarded Franklin a little memoir concerning her parent, M. Vigeral, who was captured by the English on an American corsair, March 5, 1778; since then, nothing has been heard of him; begs Franklin to make some inquiries. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 73.**

From ——— **David [l'Ainé] (Secretary of the Legation at the Palatinate).** 1780. August 18. Paris.

Has the honor of forwarding Franklin a package from the Academy of Mannheim. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 74.**

From [**Jules,**] **Comte de Montfort.** 1780. August 19. Paris.

Account of his persecution by Madame de Villeneuve merely because he wished to marry her daughter; admits he has a few debts but declares himself in all other respects worthy of Franklin's regard and assistance; his innocent assumption of the name of Montfort has been twisted into evidence against him; his well-known services in the American army; appeals to Franklin to certify to his character as a good officer and citizen and a perfectly honest man. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 75.**

From **The Royal Society of Medicine.** 1780. August 19.

Sending tickets for its public session. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 65b.**

From **Philip Mazzei.** 1780. August 19. Genoa.

Introducing his friend, Mr. Celessa, former Minister of this Republic in London, who intends to pass some time in Paris. Expects to set out shortly for Florence; begs to be informed of such matters as will dispose the minds of the people there, and especially the Sovereign, in favor of America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 76.**

From ——— **Cossoul.** 1780. August 19. Nantes.

Letter received from Boston announces the finding of some of the lost bills. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 77.**

From ——— **Garnier.** 1780. August 19. Arpajon.

Requests a commission in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 78.**

From **James Hutton.** 1780. August 21. Pimlico.

Concerning the Moravian Missionaries in Labrador; desires a pass for their new brig "Amity." A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 79.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 496).

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. August 22. The Hague.

Enclosing Amsterdam's protest against the answer to be sent to Russia's proposals [4 p.]. Account of a conversation held with the Prince de Galitzin à propos of American and Russian commerce. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 178.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. August 22. Nantes.

No word from M. de Chaumont relative to the "Breton"; if they are not expeditious, the clothing will not reach America before winter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 66.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. August 23.

Resolution relating to bills of exchange to be drawn on Benjamin Franklin to the amount of $150,000. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thompson, Sec[retar]y, and attested by Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y [of the Board of Treasury]. 1 p. **LIV, 82.**

From **Vicomte de La Motte.** 1780. August 23. La Tremblade.

Recalls the ardor with which he offered his services to the United States, only requesting the bare means of subsistence, and Franklin's frank and friendly advice to him not to go; this time wishes to take a company of three hundred soldiers with him; hopes for a favorable reply. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 82.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1780. August 23. Paris.

Announcing a public meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine on the 29th inst.; the Society, which is proud to count Franklin among its members, requests the honor of his presence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 83.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1780. August 24. Paris.

The new organ is at M. Mangeant's, watch maker; will await Franklin there, the following day at noon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 84.**

From **Philip Balliau.** 1780. August 24. Dunkirk Prison.

His capture by an American privateer; applies to Franklin to procure his exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 85.**

From [**Major Pierre François**] **de Boy.** 1780. August 24. Paris.

Once more entreats Franklin's influence on behalf of his petition to M. de Sartine; is willing to return to America if he can be more useful there. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 86.**

From **J. Marky.** 1780. August 24. Ivry.

Asking that the enclosed letter for Maryland may be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 87.**

From [**Jules,**] **Comte de Montfort.**
1780. August 25. Grand Chatelet, Paris.

The certificate of his services in America should not be refused him; his conduct in Paris has nothing to do with his record in the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 88.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. August 26. Nantes.

Has heard from M. de Chaumont; the "Breton" purchased; will be ready to load the end of September; need for a ship of war to accompany the "Breton"; question of procuring American sailors for her. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 67.**

From **J[oh]n Diot & Co.** 1780. August 27. Morlaix.

Send the documents relative to the prize "St. Joseph" and hope for her speedy condemnation. Importance of forwarding the invoices of the prize "Phillip" to her owner, Mr. Willis. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 89.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. August 30.

Contract made with Jonathan Williams to freight the "Marquis de la Fayette"; double arbitration of Messrs. Montaudouin & Rozée, friends of M. de Chaumont. D. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XIX, 90.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. August 30.

Resolution relating to bills of exchange to be drawn on Benjamin Franklin to the amount of $29,105. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thompson, Sec[retar]y, and attested by Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y [of the Board of Treasury]. 1 p. **LIV, 83.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. August 31. Amsterdam.

Desiring Franklin's opinion relative to their continuing to accept the bills drawn on Henry Laurens, Esq. Report that an English convoy of four sail has fallen into the hands of the French and Spanish fleets. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 91.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. August 31. The Hague.

Extract from his letter to the Swedish Chargé-d'affaires, showing the advantages of a trade with America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 179.**

From **J—— P——.** 1780. September 1. London.

Thanks him for the account of his expedition to Vesuvius and of Naples and its neighborhood. An account of his own circumstances. Hopes the war will soon be brought to an end. L. 2 p. (Copy.) **XLIV, 41.**

From ——— **Coder.** 1780. September 1. Pézenas.

Fifteen days after his return home, his wounds reopened and now, after six months of suffering, he is about to die; begs that after his death the same kind protection which he received may be shown towards his family. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 92.**

From ——— **O'Sullivan.** 1780. September 1. L'Orient.

Is anxious to join his uncle, Gen. O'Sullivan, who is in the service of Congress; desires permission to sail with Capt. Paul Jones. Will ask his commanding officer, Count Dillon, to write Franklin on his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 94.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. September 1.

Resolution ordering the Treasurer of Loans to issue twelve sets of exchange, as duplicates for lost sets. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 84.**

From **Captain [Baron] De Freÿ.** 1780. September 1. Paris.

Returns the twenty louis d'or so kindly lent him; desires that the three Loan Office Certificates for $1,000 be given to the bearer. Departs the following Tuesday for Bordeaux or l'Orient, to take passage for America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 95.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1780. September 1. Leghorn.

Report in the English papers of Franklin's preparing to return to America; points out the dangers of such a course; her presentiments and fears for his personal safety; entreats him not to go. Concerning the profits due her from the sale of the map; understood she should receive them from Mr. Almon, bookseller, or from Dr. Franklin; begs for a line of explanation. A. L. S. 4 p. **XIX, 96.**

From ——— **Du Bois.** 1780. September 2. Paris.

If convenient, will pay his respects to Franklin at Passy on the 4th of September. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 97.**

From ——— **de Roberdeau.** 1780. September 3. Paris.

Desires to wait upon Franklin the following morning to receive his orders for America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 99.**

From **Esther Smith.** 1780. September 4. London.

Has written many times to her husband in Philadelphia, without receiving any reply; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 100.**

From **Alex[ande]r Fleming.** 1780. September 4. Kirkliston.

Spent some days with Franklin and his friends, Messrs. Marchant, Church and Stewart, in Glasgow, in 1771; has not heard from Henry Marchant since his departure for America; desires that the enclosed letter may be forwarded him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 101.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1780. September 5. Paris.

Any day which suits Dr. Franklin will be agreeable to him; will have everything prepared according to Dr. Franklin's wishes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 102.**

From ——— **Forestier.** 1780. September 5. Angers..

Requesting that the enclosed letters be sent to M. de Villefranche. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 102½.**

From **Osgood Hanbury, Sil. Grove, James Russell.** 1780. September 6. London.

Expressing their regrets, as Trustees, at being compelled to refuse Franklin's request of May 20th; enclosing the opinions on this point of His Majesty's Attorney-General and of Mr. Mansfield; trust that their conduct will receive the most friendly interpretation by the Governor and State of Maryland. **XIX, 103.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1780. September 7.

The Royal Society of Medicine, recognizing the talents and brilliancy of various physicians in America, desires to confer upon them the title of Correspondent; judging that this honor would be doubled by passing through Dr. Franklin's hands, they beg that the enclosed packets, containing the diplomas and announcing the nominations, may be forwarded at once to America. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 104.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 7. The Hague.

Delighted at the capture of the English fleet destined for the Indies. Would gladly be the bearer to America of European news; his health demands a change; would like to go to Amsterdam but can not afford it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 180.**

From [**Madame**] **Coder.** 1780. September 7. Pézenas.

Announcing the death of her son and begging Franklin to continue his kindness to her and her poor family. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 93.**

From **J**[**ohn**] **Torris.** 1780. September 7. Dunkirk.

Has communicated Franklin's favor of the 23d ult. to Capt. Macatter, who will strictly obey all commands, and preserve his American commission. In respect to the shipping of French sailors, they only take those granted to foreign bottoms. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 105.**

From **Chevalier de Pougens.** 1780. September 8. Paris.

Forwarding a packet sent to his care; encloses the outline of a work on which he has been engaged many years. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 106.**

From **Ja**[**me**]**s Cuming.** 1780. September 8. L'Orient.

Arrival of two vessels from America; the public despatches were sent from Brest, and the duplicates under the care of a M. de Mattey. If Franklin will oblige him with freight, he can give the vessels such despatch as may encourage his friends in America to carry on a more constant trade with France than they have hitherto attempted. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 107.**

From **Sam**[**ue**]**l Cooper.** 1780. September 8. Boston.

Concerning the choice of Governor for Massachusetts; Mr. Hancock has a great majority of votes; elements in his favor. Arrival of the "Alliance" with Dr. [Arthur] Lee on board; Landais either relinquished his command during the voyage or else it was wrested from him; a Court of Inquiry sitting upon the matter; Dr. Lee's evidence points to the Captain's insanity; officers and men complain loudly of being kept

out of their prize-money; people of discretion will wait quietly for accounts from France. Arrival of Chevalier de Ternay at Rhode Island, followed soon after by a much stronger British fleet; their hopes, therefore, of striking an important blow are very small. A feigned attack on Newport caused the Massachusetts militia to fly to the aid of the French; favorable impression created by such promptitude. Washington's army reinforced. The necessity of getting the British off the Continent. Caricatures received; striking example of barbarity; will dispose of them so as to do good. Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to his grandson. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 108.**

From **Thomas Read.** 1780. September 8. L'Orient.

Announcing his arrival from Philadelphia, having obtained leave from Congress to make the voyage. Admiral Ternay and his fleet had arrived at Rhode Island and Admiral Graves had left New York with eight sail of the line, his destination being unknown. Expects to return the end of the month; will be happy to execute any commands, both public and private. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 109.**

From **Baron Sturler.** 1780. September 9. Paris.

Explaining that he lent M. De Freÿ the twenty louis to reclaim the notes in Franklin's hands, which he now forwards; hopes the sum may be returned him; his reasons for lending it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 110.**

From ——— **de Francy.** 1780. September 9. Bordeaux.

Concerning an order for a certain quantity of tobacco to be delivered in ten days to M. [Pierre François] Chevallié. L. S. 3 p. (Copy. In French.) **XIX, 111.**

From ——— ———. 1780. September 9. London.

The defects in the money system of the United States and how they can be remedied. Public credit, how it is maintained and how it can be impaired. The financial condition of the principal nations of Europe. Recommends the establishment in the United States of a central banking institution somewhat similar to the Bank of England or the Bank of Amsterdam, but having a freer scope for its operations. L. 18 p. (In French. Copy.) **XLIX, 29.**

From [**Capt. Baron**] **De Freÿ.** 1780. September 9. Paris.

Is in despair at being forced to ask again for the twenty louis, but has waited in vain for remittances from his father. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 112.**

From [**Jean**] **Dusaulx.** 1780. September 9. Paris.

Has the honor of sending the letter which asks for news of M. Michaelis's son. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 113.**

From [**Sir**] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.**
1780. September 9. Belcamp, near Dublin.

Introducing Mr. John Collins, of Dublin, who will explain his business. Their Parliament began with spirit, but at the close of the last session forfeited every title to virtue and honor. The four Americans mentioned in his last letter, have been released without any expense; supposes they paid their respects to Franklin on their way to Bordeaux. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 114.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** 1780. September 11. Paris.

Sends two packets and seven letters from America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIX, 116.**

From ——— **Baudin** [**fils**].
1780. September 12. Saint-Martin-de-Ré.

His intention of settling in Pennsylvania with a small amount of capital; captured twice by the enemy and thrown into prison; asks that Franklin will reimburse him for the amount of money he lost. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 117.**

From **James Woodmason.** 1780. September 12. London.

The three machines for making copies of writings are ready to be delivered. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 118.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 12. The Hague.

Expected arrival of the King of Sweden. Well-content with the manner in which the incendiary, Knyphausen, has been received in New Jersey. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 181.**

From **[Samuel] Potts.** 1780. September 13. Paris.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XIX, 119.**

From **L. Gourlet Duplessÿ.** 1780. September 13. Noyon.

Begging for an answer to his petition sent to Franklin together with his invalid's certificate and the certificate of his services to Congress; is a cripple and will have nothing till the death of his mother, who is old and feeble. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XIX, 120.**

From **[Le Ray] de Chaumont.** 1780. September 13.

Enclosing a letter [3 p., in French] from his friend, de Monplaisir, which proves that Jones is little fitted to promote friendly feelings between the Americans and the French. The packets confided by Franklin to his care and sent on board the "Corvette," were thrown into the sea; the "Corvette" has returned and will wait for others. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 121.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. September 14. Nantes.

Arrival of the "Mercury," Capt. Samson, fitted out by the Massachusetts State to carry over the stores which Mr. Austin was to have provided; Capt. Samson's capture of a Portuguese vessel. Great expectations in America of a second division to reinforce M. de Ternay; afraid the Ministry has forgotten all about it. Almost all the clothing ready to be shipped. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 68.**

From **[Mme.] Fleury Castries.** 1780. September 14. Paris.

Hears that news has been received of the arrival of Messrs. de Ternay and Rochambeau at Rhode Island; as her son is serving in that squadron, she is most eager to learn anything concerning those gentlemen. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 122.**

From **Joseph Conkling.** 1780. September 14. Isle de Ré.

Hoped his brig the "Whim" and her cargo would be soon delivered; the long delay very bad for the tobacco; begs Franklin to use his influence on his behalf, as he fears he will hardly make enough out of his cargo to pay the charges. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 123.**

From **Wilt & Delmestre.** 1780. September 15. Nantes.

Forwarded to Franklin a bill of exchange almost a month before; asking that, for the future, the bills may be accepted as soon as they come to hand. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 124.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 15. The Hague.

Confidence in English funds beginning to weaken. Public opinion recovering from the false notions caused by the capture of Charlestown. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 182.**

From [**Le Ray**] **de Chaumont.** 1780. September 16.

Requesting Franklin to send him the order for ordnance to be purchased at Bordeaux. A. N. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) **LXXI, 111.**

From **Dupin D'assarts.** 1780. September 17. Assarts (near Nevers).

Offers his services to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 125.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 17. The Hague.

Desiring information concerning Mr. Searle who, report says, comes to Holland as a representative of the United States; expressing his own uneasiness and apprehension concerning his future. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 183.**

From **Jh. Mazurié.** 1780. September 18. Landerneau.

Complaining that the American ships are not allowed to load or unload at Landerneau, a port far better suited than Brest to all affairs of commerce; begs Franklin to use his influence to obtain for this port certain advantages. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XIX, 127.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. September 18. Philadelphia.

Notification of the issuance of bills of exchange pursuant to the Resolution of Congress of September 1. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 85.**

From **Alex[ande]r Gordon.** 1780. September 18. Paris.

Enclosing letters to be forwarded to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 128.**

From **Pierre Turini.** 1780. September 18. Venice.

New work on the method of erecting conductors of lightning. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 129.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 424).

From ——— **Bassi.** 1780. September 18. Paris.

Concerning a subscription for his new work on Italian poetry. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 130.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. September 18. Antwerp.

Waited for a favorable opportunity to forward the portrait on china, of the great General Washington. Always glad to be of service to the American cause. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 131.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1780. September 19. Bordeaux.

Has given notice respecting the shipment of the fifty-seven pieces of cannon belonging to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 133.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 19. The Hague.

Articles printed in the newspapers to give a just idea of American affairs; their success. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 184.**

From ——— **Dalgres.** 1780. September 19. Paris.

Sending several bills of exchange for acceptance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 134.**

From ——— **Bassi.** 1780. September 19. Paris.

Is the author of the pamphlet entitled "Observations on the Italian Poets"; sent Franklin, the day before, a letter concerning subscriptions for a new work now in press; begs the favor of a reply. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 134½.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. September 20. London.

The Commissioners admit having received the men specified by the certificates; fifty-two prisoners still due to England. Case of Capt. Robert Scott, of the privateer "Golden Eagle," who was allowed to return to England on parole; willing to reckon him as if he came

in a cartel. Enclosing a list of prisoners taken by American cruisers and confined at St. Omer's; the Board of Sick and Hurt desires their discharge which they will allow in account. A. L. S. 3 p.
XIX, 135.

From [**Sieur**] **De Pommereuille.** 1780. September 21. Paris.

Desires a military appointment; has already served in the United States as a protégé of la Fayette; desires only his passage and letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 136.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 21. The Hague.

Mr. Searle's mission. Curious to hear what is passing in Ireland; their attitude towards England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 185.

From ——— ———. 1780. September 22. London.

Unforeseen circumstances will detain him longer than he intended when he left Paris. The elections in England, and their venality. When he landed in England Parliament had just been dissolved so he posted down to a borough in the West where he was received with open arms and announced his candidature, but was defeated by a corrupt manoeuvre on the evening preceding the election. The results of the elections. L. 3 p. **XLIV, 42.**

From **Juvel Neveux & Cauchoit.** 1780. September 22. Rouen.

Wish to know where bills on Franklin are honored. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 137.**

From ——— **Allen.** 1780. September 22. Paris.

Will dine with Dr. Franklin on Sunday next. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XIX, 138.

From [**John**] **Thaxter** [**, Jr.**]. 1780. September 22. Paris.

Will dine with Dr. Franklin on Sunday next. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XIX, 139.

From **Geo**[**rge**] **Scott.** 1780. September 23. Naples.

Has received, by the last post, a letter from their worthy friend Dr. P[riestley], who desired that his parting from Lord Shelburne and his present situation might be imparted to Dr. Franklin; however, as he expects to return by sea, encloses an exact copy of said letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 140.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. September 23. "Ariel," at sea.

Received Franklin's letter, orders and public despatches by the Comte de Vauban; explains his proceedings with respect to the men who served in the privateer, "Madame." Concerning the expense of the "Ariel"; acted for the best from the beginning. Has done with Chaumont; bore his base conduct too long, but has now sent to Versailles such proofs as will, he hopes, prevent his doing further mischief. Distributed the money entrusted to him according to orders. No man loves, esteems and venerates Franklin with a more honest and grateful heart that he does. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 141.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1780. September 23. Paris.

Concerning certain bills of exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 142.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. September 25. Amsterdam.

Their acceptance of some new draughts on Mr. Laurens. In receipt of remittances from John Leverer, passenger on board a vessel to their consignment; suppose she has been lost. Very desirous of news from America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 143.**

From **Comtesse Dillon.** 1780. September 25. Paris.

Thanking him for forwarding her letters and sending another one. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 83a.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 26. The Hague.

Enclosing a copy of his memoir [2 p.] on American commerce, which he intends presenting to the Swedish and Russian Ministers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 186.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1780. September 26.

Orders carrying out the Resolutions of Congress of August 23d and 30th relative to the issuance of bills to the amount of $150,000 and $29,105. D. S. Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. **LIV, 86.**

From [**Sir**] **John Lambert.** 1780. September 26. Paris.

Begging the acceptance of certain bills of exchange, which had not the proper endorsement. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 145.**

From **David L'ainé.** 1780. September 27. Morlaix.

During his last visit to Passy, Dr. Franklin promised him the position of Consul at the port of Morlaix, as soon as the necessary instructions arrived from Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 144.**

From **Juvel Neveux & Cauchoit.** 1780. September 27. Rouen.

Begging that the enclosed bill may be honored. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 146.**

From **Thom[a]s Collins.** 1780. September 28.

Fearful that his son's name, instead of his own, was inserted by his friend Sir Edward Newenham, through some mistake. A. L. S. 1 p. **XIX, 147.**

From **Joseph Blanchard.** 1780. September 28.

Applies for reparation for injury to his character by Messrs. Taylor and Trambell. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 148.**

From **I—— R——.** 1780. September 29. London.

The most profound secrecy respecting the dispatches brought by General Dalrymple, who left New York in the beginning of September. The friends of the Ministry acknowledge the news he brings is very bad. That they were in consternation at New York as the result of de Ternay's arrival in Rhode Island; measures taken to meet him. It is reported that Cornwallis is Burgoyned in Carolina; further reinforcements expected from France. Quebec fleet taken and carried into New England. Two prevailing opinions regarding the outcome of the war. Asks him about the financial condition of the country. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 43.**

From **Chevalier de Poteins.** 1780. September 29. Rabastens.

Money belonging to him in America; begs for information as to the best means of obtaining the equivalent in French money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 149.**

From [**Mme.**] **De Poliange.** 1780. September 29. Paris.

Franklin's promise in regard to her relative captured by the English in 1778. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 150.**

From ——— **Bertrand.** 1780. September 29. Paris.

Asking about a Mr. Joseph Redmond, of Ireland, who has resided in Philadelphia for over forty years. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 151.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. September 29. The Hague.

Account of the King of Sweden's visit. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 187.**

From **De Segray & Co.** 1780. September 29. St. Malo.

Mr. Williams has again ordered a quantity of saltpetre for an American vessel at l'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XIX, 152.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. September 29. Amsterdam.

Recommending Mr. Samuel Andrews; his business concerns the capture of a Dutch vessel by the French. Has sent his books, trunks and clothes to Franklin's house; if this proves inconvenient, he will have them stored. Obliged to remain at Amsterdam until Mr. Laurens arrives. Asks for a copy of Franklin's much-talked of letter to the Grand Pensionary of Holland. What the Dutch Republic will do in the Northern Confederation is a question which divides all parties. A. L. S. 2 p. **XIX, 153.**

From **David Gregorie.** 1780. September 30. Dunkirk.

The subjoined vouchers prove the abuse made by Capt. Macatter, of the "Black Princess," of the power vested in him by the United States; statement made by the master of the brig "John," that, having been captured by the "Black Princess," one of her officers compelled him to sign a ransom bill for £400 sterling, though the cargo was not worth half that sum; ineffectual efforts he has made towards adjustment and compromise; begs Franklin to use his authority in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XIX, 154.**

From **G[eorge] Woulfe.** [1780.] September 30.

Sending a letter which M. S. Petrie desired should be delivered into Dr. Franklin's own hands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 85.**

From **Capt. De Freÿ.** 1780. October 1. Todi.

Begs for information concerning his brother. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 1.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1780. October 1. Châtillon.

Concerning the latest trick which Mr. B[enjamin] Wilson exhibited at the Court of London; advisability of undeceiving the French physicians in regard to the assertions made by Mr. Wilson; suggests quoting what took place in London and confirming the usefulness of pointed conductors. Encloses a letter to be forwarded to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 2.**

From **Capt. Richelot.** 1780. October 1. Rennes.

In the service of Congress, sent to France in the cartel ship after the capture of Charlestown; has some American notes; desires information to enable him to secure their equivalent in French money. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 4.**

From **John Paradise.** 1780. October 2. Paris.

Requesting Dr. Franklin's company at dinner together with other American gentlemen, on the day when he shall become a complete member of the American republic. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 3.**

From **Harmon Courter.** 1780. October 2. L'Orient.

Delivered the despatches entrusted to him to Congress. In spite of Franklin, Deane and Lee's joint letter of recommendation, met with a cool reception; thinks this was due to Mr. Lee and his friends. Is now in l'Orient with the ship "Jay" which he will have to sell if he cannot get a full freight back to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 5.**

From **Joseph Ceronio.** 1780. October 2. Genoa.

Has sent his second son to Philadelphia under the care of Mr. Morris; has still two left whom he intends to dedicate to the service of America. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 6.**

From **de Bernard de Chateauvieux.** 1780. October 2. Namur.

His son to raise a regiment and embark with it to America, the clothing, arms and traveling expenses to be provided by the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 7.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont fille ainée.** 1780. October 2. Passy.

Concerning bills for horses and carriages hired by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 8.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. October 2. Amsterdam.

Rectifying a mistake in the bills. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 10.**

From ——— **de Puchelle.** 1780. October 3. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from the wife of M. de Flad, who is in America with the Comte de Rochambeau, to be forwarded. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 11.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. October 3. The Hague.

Denmark's attitude on the question of armed neutrality. Arrival of a Russian courier with the agreement drawn up; reasons why Holland must agree to an armed neutrality; other nations likely to join. The King of Sweden's coolness towards the English; addition to his memoir for the Russian and Swedish Ministers [1 p.]. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 188.**

From **Professor de Leempoel.** 1780. October 4. Paris.

Thanking Dr. Franklin for his courtesies to him and regrets he is obliged to leave immediately for Louvain. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 131.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and Mr. Batley.**
1780. October 4. Paris.

Accepting his invitation for the following Friday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XX, 12.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** 1780. October 5. Off Groix.

Has at last the prospect of leaving, as Commodore Jones has everything on board and a favorable wind is springing up. Three ships to sail for America under convoy of the "Ariel." No news except the arrest of Capt. Landais by order of Congress, and the account of the glorious spirit prevailing throughout the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 13.**

From ——— **Braner.** 1780. October 7. Brou.

The decree respecting the "Queen of Portugal"; will pay his respects to Franklin as soon as he receives the papers concerning the prize by the American corsair. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XX, 14.

From ——— **Douillemond.** 1780. October 7. Menin.

Offers the services of an officer who has served in the police force; his travelling expenses and his passage to America are all he asks for. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 15.**

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.**

1780. October 9. Camp, Passaic River.

Naval superiority of the enemy all along the coast; arrival of French fleet has served as a check on Sir Harry Clinton and has raised the States to spirited, though temporary, measures, which have enabled the army to offer battle upon equal terms; American naval superiority of the greatest importance; with that, they could accomplish something. No intelligence about the clothing; shocking situation the army is in; the men almost naked; no arms or powder; begs for fifteen or twenty thousand complete suits exclusive of those expected. Gen. Gates's account of the battle of Camden incorrect; the militia ran but the Continental troops behaved to perfection. Patriotic plan to be adopted by the Eastern States which will insure independence. Franklin will hear of Arnold's trickery and André's execution. A. L. S. 4 p.

XX, 16.

From **F[rancis] M. Dana.** 1780. October 9. Antwerp.

The enclosed bills are the property of Mr. Jonathan L. Austin; will commit them to the care of Mr. Samuel Bradford who will present them for acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 17.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. October 9. Passy.

Begs that Franklin will order the vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette," to be loaded with all the ammunition she can carry, for the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 18.**

From **Joseph Conkling.** 1780. October 9. Ile de Ré.

The bearer is an officer with him on the brig "Whim"; begs Franklin to assist him in obtaining an order from the Admiralty to deliver his cargo, guns and effects. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 19.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. October 9. Amsterdam.

Has just received news of Mr. Laurens being taken and carried to Dartmouth; regard this as a greater misfortune than the loss of the tobacco sent by Congress, which was also taken; Mr. Laurens's papers thrown overboard but were unfortunately recovered before much damage was done them; his son is in London and will see Mr. Laurens, if it is possible. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 20.**

From **James Adams.** 1780. October 10. Mill Prison.

Describes again his miserable condition; drew a bill on Franklin for thirty pounds, which was returned unpaid; as an officer who has served his country faithfully since the beginning of the war, he should not be denied all assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 21.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. October 10. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter lately received from Capt. Manley in Mill Prison; wishes these poor fellows could be exchanged in time to sail for home in the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 69.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. October 10. The Hague.

Prussia likely to agree to an armed neutrality. Account of his persecution by the enemies of America. Holland's injuries at England's hands. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX 189.**

From **Fleury & Nemadières.** 1780. October 10. Orleans.

In receipt of six cases of Madeira sent by Mr. Williams, of Nantes, to Franklin; on examination some of the bottles were found to be broken; cannot guarantee the safe arrival of the others unless they are repacked. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 22.**

From **Mutel de Boucheville.** 1780. October 10. Bernay.

Asking for the position of lieutenant for his son, the Chevalier Mutel. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XX, 23.**

From **De Segray, Beaugeard fils & Co.** 1780. October 10.

Asking for reimbursement for their outlay on the ship "Dauphin," ["Dolphin"?] Capt. Samuel Nicholson. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) A. E. by Dr. Franklin ordering payment. **XX, 24.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. October 12. Amsterdam.

Since their last, have received seven more bills drawn on Mr. Laurens; await Franklin's orders. Desire to know the whereabouts of Mr. John Searle. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 24½.**

From **P. B. Graff.** 1780. October 14. Paris.

Enclosing a small bill for acceptance. L. in 3d P. **XX, 25.**

From **S[amuel] Wharton.** 1780. October 14. L'Orient.

Did not expect to write again from France, but on account of a terrific storm, the "Ariel" was forced to put back; their miraculous delivery from death; the last solemn farewells had been taken when the matchless skill and cool unshaken intrepidity of Capt. Jones prevented the ship from sinking; splendid conduct of both officers and men. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 26.**

From **[George] Woulfe.** [1780.] October 14.

Sending a newspaper from M. Petrie. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 250.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. October 14. Amsterdam.

Sees no prospect of anything decisive this campaign; a fatal error was not sending a sufficient number of ships with M. de Ternay. Misery and devastation which Cornwallis will spread to the southward. Necessity of taking some steps in Mr. Laurens's behalf; his treatment pitifully spiteful. Reasons why America should not feel ashamed at having to borrow money; thinks they have not meanly solicited any nation's friendship; stupendous ignorance abroad in regard to America necessitated their sending Ministers to every Court in Europe. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 27.**

From **[Comte] de Vergennes.** 1780. October 15. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter; encloses what was asked of him for the Count de Montmorin, as well as the passport for M. Gay's courier. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 28.**

From **[Mme.] De Poliange.** 1780. October 16. Paris.

In regard to her relative, M. Vigeral; encloses a memoir [1 p., in French] about him; taken prisoner by the English in March, 1778, and of whom nothing has been heard since March, 1779; begs that some investigation may be made. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 29 and LVI(i), 31.**

From **Isaac All.** 1780. October 16. L'Orient.

The family all well when he left America. Mrs. Bache with other Philadelphia ladies were busily employed in making shirts for General Washington's army; the linen being purchased with money collected by themselves. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 30.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1780. October 17. Nantes.

Has received a letter from the Committee of Foreign Affairs, ordering him to freight their goods. Arrival of the ship "Mars," Capt. Sampson, with the expectation of receiving a cargo of clothing, all necessary supplies and a proportion of wages for the crew; impossible for him to answer these expectations; unless he can procure a freight for her she must be returned charged with a heavy debt; asks permission to put on board a quantity of warlike stores belonging to the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. **XX, 31.**

From ——— **Lechault.** 1780. October 17. St. Malo.

Has consulted with M. De Segray in regard to the exportation of saltpetre from l'Orient; explains the difficulties to be overcome. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 32.**

From ——— **Baudin.** 1780. October 18. Ile de Ré.

Repeats his request for the equivalent in French money of 165 American paper dollars; is in the greatest distress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 33.**

From **Ezra Stiles.** 1780. October 18. Newport.

Writes on behalf of John Bunnel, of New Haven, taken by the British and put on board the "Valiant" man-of-war; since October 28th, 1777, nothing has been heard of him; desires that he may be found and released. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 34.**

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1780. October 18. Cüstrin.

Encloses letter to his son, Lieut.-Genl. von Steuben, which he requests to be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 32.**

From [**George**] **Woulfe.** [1780.] October 18.

Sending another newspaper from M. S. Petrie. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 251.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1780. October 19. Nantes.

Enclosing a certain sum in part payment of the amount lent him; will desire Mr. Williams to pass the remaining sum to Dr. Franklin's credit. Hopes for an answer to his letter of the 17th inst. **XX, 35.**

From **Tho[mas] Smith.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

Desiring the necessary passports to enable him to go to England, draw out certain monies and return to Maryland; is forty-eight years old and dependent upon this money for subsistence; his loyalty to America. L. S. 4 p. **XX, 37.**

From **James Forbes.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

His position as Commander of the brig "Nesbitt"; certifies that James Cheston, of Maryland, who crossed as passenger in his vessel, made no secret of his departure nor came away in a clandestine manner, but allowed his intention of sailing to be generally known. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 38.**

From **James Cheston.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

Left his home in Maryland with the intention of going to England in order to settle certain business matters there; detained in France by the Count de Maillé until passports from Franklin could be obtained; gives a full account of himself; reasons why he has never taken the oath of allegiance; hopes Franklin will permit him to settle his private affairs in England and withdraw his effects; denies having left America in a clandestine manner; encloses proofs to the contrary. A. L. S. 6 p. **XX, 39.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

Encloses copy of a letter received from Mr. Stephen Stewart, of Maryland, recommending Mr. James Cheston, who has been detained as a suspicious person until further advices; Mr. Stewart warmly attached to the American cause and incapable of recommending any one who could do it an injury; thinks the persons who informed against Mr. Cheston acted unjustifiably. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 40.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

Mentions several gentlemen, including Mr. Cheston, who arrived lately from Maryland and Pennsylvania and who have been detained at l'Orient on suspicion of unfriendliness to the United States; they have

been advised to go to Passy and make their situation clear but this they apparently do not wish to do; none of them have taken the oath of allegiance; thinks it would be wiser, especially at this time, to refuse to allow them passage to England. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 41.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. October 20. The Hague.

His reconciliation with the Grand Facteur. Accepting the offered Secretaryship; thinks Mr. Laurens's successor will be content with him; quotes his letter to Mr. Searle on this subject. The Portuguese Ambassador in London will introduce Mr. Searle to M[arquis] de Souza [Botelho]. A. L. S. 4 p. (Partly in French.) **XXXIX, 190.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. October 20. L'Orient.

Thought it his duty, in conformity to the advice of Mr. Wharton and other gentlemen, to apply to the Count de Maillé to prevent the embarkation for England of several suspected persons lately arrived from America; although none of them had taken the oath of fidelity to the United States, they are now willing to swear allegiance. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 42.**

From **David Gregorie.** 1780. October 21. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 9th inst. in answer to his complaint against Capt. Macatter of the "Black Princess"; will communicate the import of Franklin's letter to his constituents before applying for redress to any of the French Courts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 43.**

From ——— **Jannesson.** 1780. October 23. Liège.

Offers his services for the establishing in the United States of one or more paper mills; also offers to furnish everything necessary for the working of iron mines. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 44.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. October 23. The Hague.

Advice concerning the affair at Saba. Important papers found in Mr. Laurens's valise and sent to Sir Joseph Yorke; correspondence between Mr. Wm. Lee and M. de Neufville. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 191.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. October 23.

Resolutions ordering the Treasurer of Loans to issue duplicate bills of exchange to William Finnie, the originals of which bills were lost. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 93.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. October 23. Philadelphia.

Notification of bills of exchange furnished to the States of New York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Georgia, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bay. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 3 p. **LIV, 89.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.** 1780. May 14, July 24, October 23.

Notifying him of the issue of sets of exchange to the different Colonies. A. L. S. Fran[ci]s Hopkinson. 4 p. **LXIX, 109-112.**

From **Mme. de Rochambeau.** 1780. October 24. Paris.

Is filled with gratitude for the kindness shown her and begs for its continuance; desires permission to drop in on Franklin sometimes for a few moments and would be much pleased to receive a little visit from him; there being no stairs to climb to her apartments, hopes she may be so favored. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 45.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. October 24. Amsterdam.

Concerning the Spanish loan. Unjustifiable treatment of Mr. Laurens. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 46.**

Printed in Hale's "Franklin in France," I, 415.

From ——— **D'amchaga.** 1780. October 25.

Has been six weeks in the country; pines for a sight of Franklin; has met a Genoese noble called M. de Silezia, who was entrusted with a packet for Franklin; their united wish to dine at Passy. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 47.**

From **[C. G. F.] D[umas].** 1780. October 25. The Hague.

The papers found in Mr. [Henry] Laurens's valise; correspondence between W[illia]m Lee and M. de Neufville concerning a treaty between America and Holland; M. Van Berkel involved in it; his conduct endorsed by Amsterdam; Mr. [Samuel W.] Stockton's letters, found in the valise, written to a Mr. Whitestone have given undying offense to a great person. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 192.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. October 25. Amsterdam.

Waiting for permission to accept the last-mentioned bills on Mr. [Henry] Laurens. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 48.**

From **Pothonnier & Co.** 1780. October 27. Paris.

All the expense of the "Ariel" borne by their house; arrival at l'Orient of a cargo of merchandise which has been stored until further orders from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 49.**

From **Walter Williams and Helenus Scott.**
1780. October 27. Leghorn.

Resolved to go to America and assist the great cause. Two letters to the same effect. A. L. S. 2 p. each. **XX, 50.**

From **J[ohn] Bradford.** 1780. October 27. Boston.

Announcing that the mail from Philadelphia due the previous evening, was seized in the dead of night at Stratford by the enemy and carried to Long Island; thinks the bills mentioned in the enclosed Resolve were in that mail. His son again on his way to Europe; hopes the same civility may be shown him as on his former trip; the demand on his son from France was honorably acquitted; absolute faith in the young man's perfect integrity. Positive intelligence received of Mr. [Henry] Laurens's imprisonment. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 51.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee on Foreign Affairs,**
1780. October 28.

Concerning a Committee appointed by Congress to draught a letter with certain instructions to their Ministers at the Courts of Versailles and Madrid; desires Franklin to communicate to Mr. Adams what appears so much connected with his commission. A. L. S. James Lovell. 2 p.

Three enclosures; the first, recommending that some acknowledgment be made of the services of M. Chasseaulx, Consul at Bergen; the second and third relating to bills of exchange. L. S. Jas. Lovell, Wm. Churchill Houston. 7 p. **XX, 52.**

From **James Lovell.** 1780. October 28.

Refers to the Committee of Congress appointed on the 6th inst. to draft a letter to the Ministers at Madrid and Marseilles, and to the report of the 17th inst. Papers for John Jay will be sent through Dr. Franklin's hands, and begs the latter to forward them to Mr. Jay, first reading those which are left unsealed. A. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **LIV, 88.**

From **Mme. Fournier.** 1780. October 30. Paris.

Owing to a financial loss, obliged to take lodgers; applies to Franklin to recommend her. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 53.**

From **Jean Delmot.** 1780. October 30. Leyden.

Being disappointed at the non-appearance of Mr. Henry Laurens, addresses himself to Franklin and offers to supply everything in the nature of artillery for the United States; will await Franklin's orders through M. Dumas. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 54.**

From **Harmon Courter.** 1780. October 30. L'Orient.

His ship unfit for sea, having been damaged in a gale of wind; wishes to be appointed to another ship; has one hundred officers and men ready to step on board; understands that the "Furepscord," now in the harbor, has no one yet in command. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 55.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. October 30. Amsterdam.

Concerning the bills drawn on Mr. Laurens; newspapers mention that the papers found with Mr. Laurens related in part to the City of Amsterdam and that they will be printed. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 56.**

From **Gérard Rasquin.** 1780. October 30. Charleville.

His unfortunate condition and his inability to fulfill his engagements; would not be in his present difficulties, had he not been too honest in serving the Americans with the best merchandise. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 56½.**

From ——— **Van den Yver.** 1780. October 31. Paris.

Concerning bills forwarded for acceptance. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 57.**

From **Gottlob Friederich Ruthardt.**

1780. October 31. Ludwigsburg, Würtemberg.

His brother, Christian Wilhelm Ruthardt, went to Philadelphia in 1774. A recent letter says he is dead. Desires information. Offers to supply shoes for American troops. A. L. S. 4 p. (In German.) **LIX, 74.**

From **G[ottlob] Friederich Ruthardt.**

[1780. *Circa* October 31.] Ludwigsburg.

Had a brother, Christian Guillaume Ruthardt, who went to America six years ago and settled in Philadelphia. Heard a report recently that he was dead. Asks Franklin to make inquiry about him in Pennsylvania and send proof of his death. L. S. 1 p. (Translation in French by Comtesse de Golofkin.) **XLIV, 289.**

From **Vicomte de Rochambeau.** [1780. October ?]

Is not yet leaving for America. M. de Vauban, a French officer, leaves to-day for Brest where he will embark. The latter would willingly take charge of Franklin's packets and deliver them to M. de La Perouze, Captain of the frigate "Amazone," who is about to set sail for America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 224.**

From **[Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry.**

1780. November 1. Paris.

Asking for news of M. Bedaulx, of Switzerland, Colonel in the United States army, whose relatives are uneasy in regard to his fate. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 58.**

From **James Woodmason.** 1780. November 1. London.

Has shipped copying machines, with paper and ink powder; gives directions for the use of the powder; account of money expended. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 58½.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans.** 1780. November 1.

Bill of exchange on the American Commissioners in favor of George Gartner. Attested copy of D. S. F. Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 90.**

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. November 2. The Hague.

Extract of the Resolution in the Holland Assembly relative to the papers about a treaty found in Mr. Lauren's valise, together with the letter from the Burgomasters of Amsterdam on this subject [8 p.]; M. Van Berkel entirely justified. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 193.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. November 2. Amsterdam.

Have accepted the bills drawn on Mr. Laurens; had the honor to wait on Mr. Adams who gave them leave to present the remaining bills. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 59.**

From **De Segray & Co.** 1780. November 2. St. Malo.

The order of the Farmers-General for the free export of saltpetre received, but owing to certain news from l'Orient, they discontinued the shipment; all the details are in the enclosed letter to Mr. Williams (2 p., in French). A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 60.**

From **Robert Willcocks** *et al.*
1780. November 3. Forton prison.

Certifying that Mr. Joseph Lunier was taken as passenger on board the "Mackerel," prize of the brig "Notre Dame" belonging to South Carolina, he was subsequently captured and has been confined upwards of three years in Forton prison. D. S. 1 p. **XX, 61.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1780. November 3.

Transmitting orders respecting bills of exchange; calls attention to a printer's error in the emission in execution of the Resolution of Congress of August 3, 1780. A. L. S. Cha[rle]s Lee, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LIV, 91.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans** *to* **The American Commissioners.**
1780. November 3. Philadelphia.

Note of bills of exchange issued. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. 1 p. **LIV, 92.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. November 4. Amsterdam.

Declaring his inability to pay the twenty thousand pounds in bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Laurens; if Franklin will become responsible for them at present, will endeavor to borrow a sufficient sum to meet them. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 62.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 513).

From ——— **de Kemtenstrauss.** 1780. November 5. Munich.

Writes on behalf of a number of gentlemen whose plan is to establish a colony in the United States; the conditions are entire liberty of conscience, a certain number of acres, all privileges accorded to other inhabitants, and the administration of their own affairs without interference. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 63.**

From ——— **Tardiveaux.** 1780. November 6. Coüeron, near Nantes.

Sentiments which every religious subject must hold, especially in times of war; apologizes for his rustic attempt; is but a poor curé with no knowledge of literary methods. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 64.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans.** 1780. November 6. Philadelphia.

Sends certified copy of Resolution of Congress of October 14, 1780. in reference to the issue of sets of exchange in place of those lost. Notification of issue of same. L. S. Fra[ncis] Hopkinson. 2 p. **LXIV, 30.**

From **[Sir] Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1780. November 6. Dublin.

Attentions to American prisoners in Ireland; has procured the release of thirteen since the first of July. Sympathy of the Irish people entirely with the United States. Condition of affairs in Ireland; corruption in Parliament. Hopes to settle three of his five sons in America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 65.**

From **Conolly McCausland.** 1780. November 9. London.

Applied with Mr. Robert Temple at the Board of Sick and Hurt, who said that no exchange of prisoners from Boston to England would be admitted, nor could they be exchanged by receipt; desire to know if they went to France and surrendered to Franklin, whether their exchange could then be effected and their parole cancelled. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 66.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. November 9. The Hague.

The French Ambassador desirous of aiding Franklin in the affair of Saba. News of Mr. Laurens's unhappy situation; his own bitter disappointment about the Secretaryship; Mr. Searle's promise to write to Congress on his behalf; reasons why he sorely needs the money. End of the affair of the papers discovered in Mr. Laurens's valise; good and bad results of the business. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXIX, 194.

From [**Alexander Small**]. 1780. November 10. London.

Quoting certain extracts from the memoirs of the "Société de Berne," regarding population, to the effect that in general the mortality in towns is greater than in the country, but in cases of epidemic, the country is the greater sufferer; gives probable reasons for this. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XX, 67.**

From [**Antoine Laurent**] **Lavoisier.** 1780. November 10.

Apologizing for delay in sending the papers relative to the shipping of saltpetre from St. Malo to l'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XX, 68.

From **Jonat**[**ha**]**n Nesbitt.** 1780. November 10. L'Orient.

Is much indebted for his kindness on behalf of his friend Mr. James Cheston, who will deliver the present letter. Trusts Franklin has recovered from his indisposition. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 69.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1780?] November 12. Nice.

Particulars of her journey from Marseilles to Nice. Her health beginning to improve. Nice an ideal place for health-seekers. Everyone she met spoke highly of Franklin. The Count d'Estaing is very popular with the sailors and the people in general in the different ports she visited. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 42.**

From **J. Lepine.** 1780. November 13. Paris.

Thanks for recommending him as a translator. A. L. S. 1 p.

XX, 70.

From **Abbes de Chalut and Arnoux.** 1780. November 14. Paris.

Sending a draft of a letter to Dr. Franklin which he may write to Mr. and Mme. Poivre, of Lyons. N. 1 p. (In French.)

LXX, 46.

From **[C. G. F.] Dumas.** 1780. November 16. Amsterdam.

Virulent memoir presented to the States-General by Sir Joseph Yorke. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 195.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. November 16. Nantes.

Difficulties and delays experienced in loading the "Marquis de la Fayette"; dispute between M. de Chaumont and himself. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 70.**

From **G[iovanni] B[attista] Beccaria.**

1780. November 17. Turin.

M. Chantel has no doubt given Franklin an account of his serious illness. When his work on Natural Electricity is completed, will send Franklin a copy; being no longer able to continue his observations, has determined to collect those of the last twenty years; hopes that if it fails to instruct the public, it will at least divert them. L. S. 1 p. (In Italian.) **XX, 73.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. November 17. L'Orient.

Since his unfortunate return, has received two letters from Mr. Gourlade wherein it appears Franklin blames him for certain charges in the accounts against the United States; reasons why he ordered the articles in question; has no other motive than the advancement of the service. The "Ariel" will again be ready for sea in the course of a week. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 74.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1780. November 18.

Her opinion of Franklin's "Dialogue with the Gout"; begs him not to let M. Veillard, Abbé de la Roche, etc., touch up his French; thinks his style is weakened by the influence of grammarians. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 3.**

Printed in Proceedings of American Philosophical Society, XL, 103, and in Putnam's Monthly, October, 1906, 35.

From **[Marquis de] la Fayette.**

1780. November 19. Camp on the Passaic.

The fertility of imagination displayed by the enemy in all that relates to America; advisability of authentic accounts. Enclosing papers giving particulars of Major [Patrick] Ferguson's defeat on King's

Mountain, South Carolina. Some troops landed by the enemy at Portsmouth, Va., but are held there by the militia. Congress has forbidden all short enlistments and voted an army of thirty-five thousand men for the war. As the affair of the late Adjutant-General of the British army [André] may be misrepresented, encloses proceedings; also an account which places Arnold's past character upon its proper footing. Transcribes a Resolve of Congress concerning the virtuous and patriotic conduct of three young men, [John] Paulding, [David] Williams and [Isaac] Van Wart, in intercepting and making prisoner, Major John André. Mutual harmony and affection between the French and American troops. A. L. S. 4 p. **XX, 75.**

From **J[ames] Searle.** 1780. November 20. Amsterdam.

Has no doubt that the news of Arnold's treason has come to hand; expresses his opinion of such base conduct and the motives for it; he has been sentenced to be publicly reprimanded by General Washington; is perfectly willing to have this letter quoted to support the truth of these charges. A. L. S. 5 p. **XX, 76.**

From ——— **Gourlade.** 1780. November 20. Paris.

Has been forced to remain longer in Paris than he had expected; wishes to know if this delay will make a difference regarding the letters to Capt. Jones confided to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 77.**

From ——— **Gourlade.** 1780. November 20. Paris.

Enclosing a letter just received from M. Moylan. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 78.**

From **Comte de Tende.** 1780. November 20. Stuttgart.

Sends a letter to be forwarded to Baron Von Steuben concerning the manufacture of saltpetre in the United States. Desires, on his own account, the position of colonel of artillery, and for a friend the rank of major with certain emoluments. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XX, 79.**

From ——— **Fleury le jeune.** 1780. November 21. Avranches.

Wishes to establish himself in the United States as a druggist. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 80.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. November 22. Paris.

Details concerning the freighting of his vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette"; his reasons for wishing her to sail directly from Bordeaux. Desires certain bills settled. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 81.**

From [**Claude Marie**] **Guyetand.** 1780. November 23. Paris.

Has the honor of presenting to Franklin his first verses dedicated to liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 82.**

From ——— **Benaven.** 1780. November 23. Paris.

M. [Pierre] Colombe, served with distinction in the United States, was taken prisoner; unable to procure his exchange, he desires a position in the French army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 83.**

From **Pierre Deloigne.** 1780. November 24. Lille.

Wishes to send to America a young man who possesses a thorough knowledge of handwriting and arithmetic. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 84.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1780. November 24. Versailles.

Sees no objection to the proposal made by the Director-General of Finances that a letter of credit be drawn on Congress for the needs of the French troops; has no recollection of refusing a similar proposal made to him by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 85.**

From **Harmon Courter.** 1780. November 24. L'Orient.

Much obliged for M. de Chaumont's offers but his men not willing to go to Bordeaux; should M. de Chaumont give him the command of the vessel, his officers and men would then undertake the journey with pleasure. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 86.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. November 24. L'Orient.

Has just received a letter from M. Gourlade, of which the enclosed [2 p., in French] is an extract; in consequence has written the within letters [3 p.] to the new Minister of Marine and M. de Chaumont, claiming prize-money for the "Bon Homme Richard" and the "Alliance," while under his command; if Franklin thinks these letters suitable, begs his influence to support them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 87.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. November 24. Amsterdam.

Received Franklin's favor of the 13th inst. and has accepted the bills; if he does not succeed in his efforts to arrange a loan, will draw upon Franklin when they become payable; on his arrival believed that money might be had upon the credit of the United States; such a consummation prevented by the news from South Carolina and New York, and above all by the affair of the Burgomaster and Sir Joseph Yorke's memorial. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 88.**

From [**Jaques Christoph**] **Valmont de Bomare.** 1780. November 25. Paris.

Is about to begin his course of lectures; begs the honor of Franklin's presence at the first one. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 89.**

From [**Mlle.**] **de Kalb(e).** 1780. November 26. Steudal.

Was much moved to see in the Gazette the death of her brother, General de Kalb(e); as she is his only near, surviving relative, begs to be informed what possessions her brother left in America and in what way she may obtain them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 90.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1780. November] 26.

Sending notes or comments on a dialogue written in French by Franklin. Thinks he expresses himself more forcefully than would a grammarian. Reminds Franklin of his promise to give her a printed copy of his works. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 57.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., XL, 108.

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1780. November 26. Versailles.

Concerning the Resolutions of Congress ordering drafts upon Franklin; astonished at being asked for the necessary funds to meet them; will endeavor to procure for him next year the same aid he has been able to furnish during the present one. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) **XX, 91.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 515).

From ——— **Harmand.** 1780. November 27. Paris.

Hopes Franklin will help him to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 92.**

From **J[acques] F[rançois] Crespin and Aimable Titoix.** 1780. November 28. Dunkirk.

Served with Capt. Conyngham on the "Revenge"; have been deprived of their share of the prize-money and also their pay for nearly three years, during which time they languished in English prisons; beg for assistance. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 93.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. November 28. Nantes.

Dispute between M. de Chaumont and himself decided in his favor. Two gentlemen of his own appointing (M. Rozée and M. Montaudouin) have decided the freight to be payable only after the goods are loaded at l'Orient and Messrs. Jauge & Co. (Mr. de Chaumont's correspondents) of Bordeaux, have, of their own accord, reduced the measurement of the ship to a reasonable tonnage. Requests him to send his dispatches for the "Mars" by return of post as she will by that time be ready to sail. The "Hercules," Captain [John] Carey, bound to Baltimore, of sixteen guns and eighty men, will sail with the "Mars." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 71.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. November 28.

Extract from the instructions to B[enjamin] Franklin. D. 5 p. (Press copy.) **LXXV, 3.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, IV, 163.

From ——— **Le Rouge.** 1780. November 29.

Begs Franklin to send him the corrected proof. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 94.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. November 30. Amsterdam.

Franklin's financial burdens. Mr. Searle's sanguine picture of American affairs. Affairs in Holland. A gentleman in Amsterdam commissioned by England to hire as many vessels as he possibly can to carry troops to America. L. S. 4 p. **XX, 95.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 518).

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1780.] November 30.

M. [de] Mauduit [Duplessis] will be at her house Wednesday evening with an officer who desires to meet Franklin. This officer had captured an English vessel. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 31.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. December 1. Amsterdam.

Holland's agreement to an armed neutrality; resolution disapproving and disavowing Amsterdam's letter as to an eventual treaty between America and Holland; the Holland Assembly deliberating on the answer to be given to Sir Joseph Yorke's insolent memoir. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 196.**

From **Harmon Courter.** 1780. December 1. L'Orient.

Did not think it right to keep his crew until the present date at their owner's expense; has found places for most of them on American vessels. If the gentleman will give him the command of the cutter mentioned, will set out for Dunkirk at once with his officers, and has no doubt of meeting with success; is well acquainted with the coast of America. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 97.**

From **John Charretié.** 1780. December 2. Paris.

Sends report from the Committee of the House of Commons relative to French and Spanish prisoners. Hopes, with Franklin's assistance, to obtain the agency for the inspection of prisoners in Great Britain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 98.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1780. December 2. L'Orient.

Mr. Robert Mease, of Alexandria, Va., proposes to visit several places in France and to pass some time in Paris; recommends him to Franklin's civility and protection; the devotion of Mr. Mease and his family to the great cause of liberty is well-known. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 99.**

From ——— **Destouches.** 1780. December 2. Dunkirk.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in endeavoring to obtain Capt. Courter and his crew for the privateer of M. Salomes; desires to name this vessel after Franklin; inspiration of such a title. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 99½.**

From **Jno. Mouret.** 1780. December 3. Havre-de-Grace.

Just from an English prison; was Surgeon on the "Morris" and the "Retaliation"; the salary still due him; begs for assistance and employment. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 100.**

From **J[oseph] Lunier.** 1780. December 3. Havre-de-Grace.

Taken prisoner in January, 1777; made his escape on the 23d ult. from Forton prison; hoped to find an American Agent at Havre who would advance him a small sum, but was disappointed. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 101.**

From **[Pierre Augustin Caron]de Beaumarchais.** 1780. December 4. Paris.

Enclosing a letter just arrived from England. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 102.**

From **Johann Thaddeus von Esch.** 1780. December 4. Augsburg.

Wishes employment for himself and six sons as agents and correspondents in German cities. A. L. S. 5 p. **LIX, 75.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. December 4. L'Orient.

Commodore Jones only waiting for Franklin's despatches to set sail; beg that they may be forwarded at once. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 103.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. December 4. L'Orient.

Has been ready for sea these five days past and only waiting for Franklin's despatches; hopes also for despatches from Court in consequence of advices received from Rhode Island. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 104.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1780. December 4. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 24th of October; laid the account of prisoners released before the Board of Sick and Hurt; still forty-one prisoners due, and no more exchanges until that debt is paid; account of the expenditure of one hundred pounds, received from M. Grand for the relief of prisoners; one hundred more lately committed to Forton; nothing further to be expected from public subscriptions; men afraid to show common sentiments of humanity towards Americans. Sorry to announce the death of their mutual friend, Mr. [Thomas] Bentley; much regretted by the old Club. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 105.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1780. December 5. Vienna.

Has been entirely occupied in the contemplation of Nature; principally in regard to the influence of the vegetable kingdom upon the animal, and with the essential ingredients out of which the atmosphere is composed; intends soon to lay before the public the result of these experiments; explains his change of opinion on the effect on air caused by vegetables. Has made use of the several metal wires given him; details his method of employing them; will make no further use of this investigation save what Franklin, who furnished the materials and suggested the method of inquiry, may think proper. Desires to know if his book was well received in France; German and Dutch translations published. The Emperor prevented from seeing his experiments by the death of His Majesty's mother. Wishes to hear news of America and explanation of Arnold's treachery. A. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 106.**

From **Fleury & Nemadières.** 1780. December 6. Orleans.

Repaired the cases of Madeira and forwarded them to Passy; recommending their wine and furnishing prices. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 107.**

From **J. M. Couder.** 1780. December 6. Nancy.

Offers to provide the army with everything necessary in time of war, at a most reasonable figure. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 108.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. December 6. Amsterdam.

Congratulating him on the recovery of his health. Will be glad to see the details of Arnold's conduct; blames Congress and court-martials for inflicting slight punishment on criminals and then entrusting them with commands and employment; advises suing such knaves at common law; Arnold's case in point; the villain's bravery and baseness. Rumor of Gates obtaining an advantage over Cornwallis. The papers give out that M. Rochambeau has come to solicit more troops; the great need is for ships and money. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 109.**

From **John Adams.** 1780. December 7. Amsterdam.

Enclosing bills of exchange for the use of S[amuel] C[ooper] Johonnot which he begs Franklin to take charge of. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 110.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. December 7. Amsterdam.

The King of Prussia's influence in bringing about Holland's agreement to an armed neutrality. Proper time to enter their claim relative to the vessel carried off at Saba. Desiring a detailed account of Arnold's treason. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 197.**

From [**John Hyacinth de**] **Magellan.** 1780. December 8.

Encloses the extract which he made longer than Mr. Vaughan's in order that it might be easily understood in French; it will appear in the *Journal de Paris* after being read at the Academy; desires Franklin to make any changes in it he may deem advisable. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 111.**

From **Pothonnier & Co.** 1780. December 9. Paris.

Mr. Gourlade not yet gone; return the three packets that they may be forwarded by an earlier opportunity; one of them for Mr. Jones. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 112.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1780. December 9. L'Orient.

Enclosing three letters for Henry Laurens, which were to have been forwarded to Amsterdam; has heard of Mr. Laurens's unfortunate capture, therefore sends them to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 113.**

From **Gottlob Friederich Ruthardt.**
1780. December 9. Ludwigsburg, Würtemberg.

Acknowledges Dr. Franklin's answer of November 14. Encloses three identical letters to Evangelical Lutheran Ministers at Philadelphia, and two letters from relatives of his, with request to forward. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 72.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. December 11. Passy.

An account of the entire affair in regard to the loading of his vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette"; blames Franklin's nephew, Mr. Williams, for his interference; encloses certain papers and begs that no time may be lost before coming to some arrangement; his interests suffer cruelly by such delays. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 115 and LVII, 110.**

From **John Charretié.** 1780. December 11. Paris.

Asking that the bearer be given the petition to the Minister of the Marine and the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons. Desires a few lines of introduction to Franklin's friends at Versailles. Mr. Pecholier, whom he proposes in the petition as his associate, is in one of the first houses in London. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Franklin setting forth M. Charretié's good character. **XX, 116.**

From ——— **Collignon.** 1780. December 11. Dieuze.

Wishes to know if an important and interesting packet, sent to Franklin through another person, has been received. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Acknowledge receipt of letter and request to know the subject of the packet, as many are received. **XX, 117.**

From **Henry Jasme La Clause.** 1780. December 11. Morlaix.

Served the United States from March, 1776 to July, 1780; his health obliged him to leave; encloses papers for certification to prove the truth of his statements. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XX, 118.**

From **Marquis de Boulainvilliers.** 1780. December 12. Passy.

Forwards a little memoir, and desires Franklin to write his answers upon the margin; hopes his importunity may be pardoned on account of his sincere attachment to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 119.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. December 12. Nantes.

Fresh difficulties started at Bordeaux; encloses copy of his letter [4 p., in French] to Messrs. Jauge and fils urging the necessity for the speedy departure of the "Marquis de la Fayette." Quantity of arms on board the "Mars." A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 72.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1780. December 12. Passy.

Intends sending a courier to Nantes, who will return at the end of the week with the decision of the Arbitrators; believes it will be the same as that of Bordeaux. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 120.**

From [**Lt.-Col. Louis De**] **Tousard.** 1780. December 13. Paris.

Wishes to return to the United States where he has already fought through two campaigns and been seriously wounded; has chosen as his intermediary, M. de Chaumont, who knows his zeal for the great cause. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XX, 121.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1780. December 13. Philadelphia.

The enemy have gone into winter quarters and by their position effectually cover the State of New Jersey; their refusal to fight; have improved every occasion of striking at them on a smaller scale. Major [Benjamin] Tallmadge's brilliant dash into Long Island and his safe return with four officers and fifty privates prisoners. Letter from Gen. Gates reports a new advantage obtained in South Carolina by Sumter; the enemy do not possess a single post east of Georgetown or north of Camden. British corps under Gen. Leslie have abandoned hope of a junction by land with Cornwallis; every one of their plans in this campaign defeated. The States exerting themselves in order that an army may soon take the field. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 122.**

From **Peter Faneuil Jones.** 1780. December 14. Dunkirk.

Sailed in the "Alliance" a year before; Capt. Jones put him in command of a Dutch prize with orders to proceed to Philadelphia; taken prisoner by the English and after many vicissitudes, made his escape; is penniless; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 123 and 125.**

From **Halder & Co.** 1780. December 14. Strasbourg.

At the request of a correspondent, they forward the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 124.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. December 14. Nantes.

Summoned by M. de Montaudouin to answer his interrogatories; thinks this second decision will be doubly in his favor. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 73.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. December 14. Amsterdam.

No answer to be made to Sir Joseph Yorke's insolent memoir; hears that he is about to present a second; its contents. Reasons why his stay in Amsterdam is advisable. Desires to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 198.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1780. December 15. Dunkirk.

Wishes Franklin's opinion as regards Mr. Samuel Wharton's probity and punctuality in business. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 126.**

From **Benj[ami]n Waterhouse.** 1780. December 16. Leyden.

Encloses letters brought with him from London; sorry for unavoidable delay. Dr. Fothergill's intention of writing to Franklin by a private hand; his opinions of the present state of affairs. Proposes going to Boston and exercising his profession there; believes it is not so necessary for men to go to Europe in order to cure the diseases of their next door neighbor; learnt many things during his stay with Dr. Fothergill. Read with interest the French medical work Franklin gave him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 127.**

From **Jno. P[aul] Jones.** 1780. December 18. L'Orient.

The "Ariel" will be under sail at daybreak; neither Mr. Gourlade nor M. de La Grave have yet appeared; encloses receipt for arms; is taking ninety days' provisions. Had [Arthur] Lee and his cabal in the "Alliance" been in Heaven, the "Ariel" would have been no additional expense, and, with the "Alliance," would have carried the greatest part of the winter clothing for our army. Not surprised at the few desertions; encloses list of the present crew. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 128,**

From [**Lt.-Col. Louis De**] **Tousard.** 1780. December 19. Paris.

Gives his address. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 129.**

From ——— **Branco.** 1780. December 19. Paris.

Encloses the papers relative to the Portuguese prize, which the Captain desires to have legalized; encloses memoir in case it be thought necessary to forward it to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 130.**

From ——— **Destouches.** 1780. December 19. Dunkirk.

Announcing the arrival of the cutter "Franklin"; a most beautiful vessel. No news of Capt. Courter, but M. Salomes has found an excellent substitute, who will forward his papers at once, as they are anxious to sail. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 131.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1780. December 19. Paris.

Arrived at Passy to find that Franklin had left for Versailles. Two enclosures; one, a copy in French of a letter from M. Necker to M. Grand (2 p., in French) concerning a letter of credit; the other, from Mr. Franklin to M. Grand (1 p.) concerning money matters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 131½.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1780. December 20.

Resolution that the Minister of the United States, at St. Petersburg, be furnished with letters of credit upon the Minister at Versailles to the amount of fifteen hundred pounds. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. (Copy.) **LIV, 94.**

From ——— **Führer.** 1780. December 20. Felsberg.

His son promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; eager to show his gratitude and appreciation; offers his services to the United States even at his advanced age. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XX, 132.**

From **L. de Neufville.** 1780. December 21. Amsterdam.

While in London, Mr. Temple confided to his care a letter of introduction to Franklin for the Princess Descau [Daschkow] whom he said was a favorite of the Empress; she had insisted on having such a letter and it was not until that day he had discovered from the Prince of Gallitzin where she was, and added in consequence a few lines of apology for Mr. Temple and himself. Left Mr. Digges in a disagreeable situation owing to Mr. Trumbull's being taken up. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 133.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.**[1] 1780. December 21. Amsterdam.

Seditious libels circulated by the English party. Enclosing copy of a certificate [1 p.] signed by Messrs. Adams and Searle, stating that he took the oath of allegiance to the United States; is now provided with an answer to many embarrassing questions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 199.**

[1] C[harles] G[uillaume] F[rederic] Dumas, after having taken the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, appears to have anglicised his name and signed himself thereafter C[harles] W[illiam] F[rederic] Dumas.

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1780. December 22. Nantes.

Enclosing papers relative to the prisoners taken by Capt. Babcock, and released on the conditions therein certified (3 p.). A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 74.**

From **Walter Williams and Helenus Scott.** 1780. December 22. Paris.

Have come to Paris to renew their request (XX, 50); desirous of obtaining a passage on a vessel of the King. L. S. 3 p. **XX, 134.**

From [**John**] **Charretié.** 1780. December 23. Paris.

Will not fail to pay his respects the following day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 135.**

From ——— **Ceintré fils.** 1780. December 23. Near Angers.

Desires to serve in the army as an officer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 136.**

From ——— **Tarrachon.** 1780. December 23. Paris.

Forwards a letter from Mme. la Comtesse de Preysing to M. le Chevalier de la Luzerne. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XX, 137.**

From [**Dr.**] **J[ohn] Fothergill.** 1780. December 25. London.

Prevented from answering Franklin's obliging letter by a severe attack of gout; describes the difference between his attack and a disease called strangury; remedies used for this latter. Instead of general wars, would like to see a College of Justice where the claims of sovereigns could be weighed and war only levied on those who refused submission. Advises the establishment in the United States of one general standard of weights and measures. Questions of oaths and affirmations. Singular that Massachusetts should have framed one of the most liberal plans of Government since the beginning of the world. He and his friend Dr. Barclay have established a school in Yorkshire in order to provide a plain education for children not in affluent circumstances; its success so far. Hopes that his friend and relative, Dr. Waterhouse, will teach in the future Massachusetts College of Medicine; as yet he is too young and inexperienced. A. L. S. 4 p. **XX, 138.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1780. December 25. Amsterdam.

Affairs between Holland and England; resolutions adopted by the former; departure of Sir Joseph Yorke for Antwerp; embargo declared in London on all Dutch vessels. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 200.**

By [**Gen. Chevalier de**] **Laneuville.** 1780. December 26. Paris.

Lines to Dr. Franklin on reading his works. A. Verses. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 87.**

From ——— **Collignon.** 1780. December 26. Dieuze.

Is the author of a work on the clearing of uncultivated lands; intended offering several copies to Congress and to the Academy; it has already been welcomed by the principal Sovereigns of Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 139.**

From [**Pierre**] **Roussille.** 1780. December 27. Saint Justin.

Sailed in the "Boston," Capt. Tucker, with a promise of a share of the prize-money; taken prisoner and remained eighteen months in an English jail; is unable to Find Capt. Tucker; begs for his share of the money. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Has nothing to do with the division of the "Boston's" prize-money; advises writing to the Admiralty in America. (In French.) **XX, 140.**

From **Jean Bart.** 1780. December 28. Brest.

Served for six months on board the "Lexington" as cook and interpreter; desires his wages and his share of the prize-money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XX, 141.**

From **Joseph Philip.** 1780. December 28. Paris.

Notice of a public meeting of the Faculty of Medicine of the Collége de France as provided for in the will of M. Malouin. Printed N. S. 1 p. **LXXIII, 65.**

From **F**[**rancis**] **Coffyn.** 1780. December 28. Dunkirk.

Annexes a copy (1 p.) of a letter just received from Ostend, mentioning the receipt of the *London Gazette*, containing the King of England's manifesto against the Dutch. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 142.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1780. December 28. Amsterdam.

Congratulating Franklin on the firm stand the Dutch Republic has taken in regard to the impudent demands of England; makes no doubt that they will soon be at an open rupture; hopes Holland's friendly feeling for America will turn to the advantage of both countries. A. L. S. 1 p. **XX, 143.**

From **F[rancis] M. Dana.** 1780. December 29. Paris.

Has a letter from Mr. Adams and one from Mr. Dumas of an old date, as he left Amsterdam the first of the month. Will pay his respects as soon as he feels better. Trusts Franklin is relieved from the gout. A. L. S. 2 p. **XX, 144.**

From **[John] Adams.** [*Circa* 1780?]

Requesting him to let his servant take the trunks left at Passy. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 13a.**

From **Abbé Arnoux.** [1780.]

Recommending M. Petry, Secretary of the French army under Rochambeau. Asking letters of introduction for him to some of Franklin's friends in Newport or Providence, Rhode Island. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 124.**

From **Bethia Alexander.** [1780.]

Writes on behalf of the Comtesse Dillon, who wishes to know the safest way of sending her letters to her husband and friends in M. de Ternay's fleet. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 164.**

From **——— Bassi.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sending a pamphlet. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 21a.**

From **Mme. de Bellescizes.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asking for the letters of introduction for M. Savari which Franklin had promised to send her. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 137.**

From **[Pierre] Bertholon.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Is Director of the Seminary at Béziers and a member of several Academies. Sent to Franklin some time ago a memoir on a new means of preserving oneself from thunder and lightning. Would like to hear from Franklin what he thinks of it. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 263.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Returns to Franklin by messenger the dog which came back to her house. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 69a.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Will be at Franklin's house at time appointed with the Comtesse de Rochambeau. All her friends at Passy, including Mme. De Tonnerre, would like to take tea with him to-morrow. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 69b.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Obliged to go to Paris on business. Requests Franklin to postpone his invitation to Sunday. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 69c.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Is sorry Dr. Franklin cannot dine with them. Asks him if he could receive the Comtesse de Rochambeau and herself on Wednesday. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 70a.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Dr. Franklin's neighbors have not seen him for a long time. Ask him to come and take tea with them. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 70b.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Inviting Dr. Franklin to come to see them and take tea. Mme. de Vaudois's illness has prevented them from going to see him. A. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 71a.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Cannot go to Passy now to see Dr. Franklin. Invite him to come and take dinner with them. M. de Boulainvilliers in going to Spa for his health. A. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 71b.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1780?] Friday morning.

Has learned that Franklin's son was about to leave for America, having been appointed an Aide-de-camp to la Fayette. Expresses sorrow for Franklin at being obliged to part with his son. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 62.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1780. November.] Saturday 25th.

Inquires about Franklin's health. Had expected to send him some notes, but was unable to write. Is far from being well herself. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 77.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., XL, 108.

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1780.] Saturday morning.

Is too ill yet to invite Franklin to tea. Will be glad to have a chat with him any time. Hopes she will enjoy better health during the approaching new year (1781). Only this hope prevents her from seeking death. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 83.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1780.] Tuesday morning.

Reply to Franklin's inquiries about her health. Is going to Paris to consult her doctor. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 66.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1780.] Sunday Morning.

Cannot dine with Franklin at Mme. Dutartre's house on Tuesday A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 69.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1780.] Saturday Morning.

Requests Franklin to call for her in his carriage to take her to Mme. Dutartre's for dinner and back in the evening. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

E. by W[illiam] T[emple] F[ranklin] that he had promised that Dr. Franklin would do as requested. **XLIII, 71.**

From **Abbé [de] Chalut.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dinner. They will have the pleasure of hearing Mlle. Cavachini and other excellent musicians from Italy. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 149.**

From **Abbés [de] Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Accepting Dr. Franklin's invitation to dinner. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 45b.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Returning a copy of the "Courier de l'Europe" to Franklin and advising him that a case has arrived at M. de Chalut's, Fermièr-Général, addressed to Franklin. 2 Notes. (In French.) **LXX, 48.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Giving their place of residence. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LXX, 51.

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1780.]

Letter received from Comte d'Estaing, who had not yet dropped anchor at Brest; the Count injured by the force of the wind. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 38.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1780.]

Forwarding a dispatch from M. Dumas and a letter from M. Landais. He thinks only Jones to be able to say in America that he did not seek the command of the "Alliance"; desires to be employed in France. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 143.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Stating terms for chartering the vessel "Le Breton" to carry merchandise for account of Congress. (Copy.) Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LIV, 125(5).

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Copy of preceding and how payment was to be made for goods furnished by him to Congress. Mem. 1 p. (In French.)
LIV, 125(11).

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

With reference to a bill paid by him for Mr. Robinson's account and which Mr. Williams of Nantes refused to acknowledge. Sends order for the cannon; notes by the Ambassador of Sweden and a note about "friend Jones." A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 145.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Suggestions as to trade between Europe and America during the war and the use of paper money issued by Congress. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 130.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Requests Franklin to write to a Philadelphia merchant to procure a cargo of tobacco for a ship which he is sending to America under Capt. [Andrew] Patton with cargo of salt. A. N. 1 p. **LXX, 57a.**

From [**Capt.**] **Bidé de Chavagnes.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Commander of the vessel "la Sensible" which was three months at Boston; is intrusted with letters, packets and a small box for Franklin; his wish to pay his respects and deliver these in person; offers his services in case an opportunity should arise of his being useful to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 216.**

From **Comtesse de Cherisey.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asking for information concerning a cargo of brown sugar consigned to a merchant in Philadelphia; informed of its safe arrival in June, 1780. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 29.**

From **Comte de Choiseul-Gouffier.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Has had a vessel built and armed for privateering. Has strong reasons for desiring this vessel to sail under the American flag. Asks if Franklin can give him a commission. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 268.**

From ——— **Chrestien.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Requesting him to forward two letters for personal delivery to Henri Chevalier, 3d and Dock Sts., Philadelphia. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 41 and 54.**

From **Daniel Crommelin and fils.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Autograph firm-signatures. Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 19.**

From [**Phillipe de**] **Delleville.** [*Circa* 1780.] Foutenay-sous-Bois.

Has intention to write a history of the American Revolution; applies to Franklin for assistance in obtaining data for his work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 17.**

From **William Dorsett.** [*Circa* 1780?]

Is a native of Maryland; account of his capture by the English; his escape and subsequent capture and imprisonment by the French; begs Franklin to obtain his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 219.**

From **Fizeaux, Grand & Co.** [1780?]

Concerning the business relations established between Mr. Adams and their company. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 38.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sends the letter which he promised to forward to her friend [the Marquis de Chastellux]. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 185.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asks him when he will take tea with her and when she should send the letter he is to forward to her friend. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 188.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sends letter which Franklin promised to forward to her friend. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 191.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asks for further news about the arrival of her friend. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 193.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1780. L'Orient.

List of bills drawn on the American Commissioners at Paris. Mem. 6 p. **LXIV, 34.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**]. [*Circa* 1780.]

Sending him an extract of a letter from their friend in Madrid. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 187.**

From **Ferdinand Grand.** [1780?]

Returns M. de Vergennes's letter to Franklin. Thinks 500,000 francs insufficient for Franklin's needs for January and February, considering the drafts to be met, etc. Estimate furnished to M. de Vergennes of money required by Franklin amounted in all to five millions. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **XLIV, 106.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Deputed by M. Girardot to invite Franklin to dine with him Friday or Saturday in company with Mr. Paul Jones. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 203.**

From [**Henry Grand**]. [*Circa* 1780.]

Laying before Franklin his plan for increasing their credit. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 208.**

From **[Henry] Grand.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Concerning the acceptance of Messrs. Gourlade and Moylan's draft. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XLII, 209.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [Henry] Grand.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Begging Franklin to put off coming to tea till another day, owing to M. Grand's indisposition. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 207.**

From **E[dward] J[ackson] Jones.** [*Circa* 1780.] Saturday.

Making an appointment to wait upon Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 205.**

From **E[dward] J[ackson] Jones.** [*Circa* 1780.] Friday.

Must have that day the passport. Involved by him in a position to which death is preferable; sufficient guarantee in his possession to obtain the necessary loan; will wait upon him with securities amounting to more than his demand. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 206.**

From **Vicomte de Lacharle.** [1780.] Passy.

Deputed by Mme. la Marquise de Rochambeau to request any news from America relative to her son and M. de Ternay. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 172.**

From **L[ouis] Laffitte.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Served as second lieutenant on board an American privateer; his wounds; captured by the English and subsequent sufferings; applies for redress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 176.**

From **Leonard St. Jean Lafitte.** [*Circa* 1780.] Bordeaux.

Is sending his nephew to America to study commerce and learn the English language; begs Franklin to give him letters to Philadelphia and Boston. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 177.**

From **[Antoine-Laurent] Lavoisier.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Invites him to dinner to meet M. Magellan and some members of the Academy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 277b.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sending six bottles of beer as a gift from Mr. Magellan. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIII, 219.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sends the last memoir by Dr. Ingen Housz. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 231.**

From [**Jean Baptiste Le Roy.** *Circa* 1780.]

Sends copy of translation with corrections agreed upon. Thinks it would be well to suppress the passages which he has enclosed in brackets. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 127.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1780.] Paris.

Asks for a copy of the captured letters of General Clinton, for the Russian Ambassador. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 163.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1780?]

Inquiring if he has received word of the arrival of M. de Rochambeau in America. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 34a.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Reminding Franklin of Count de Maillebois's invitation to dinner. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 38b.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sends a letter from M. Destouches. Hopes that his dialogues with the gout are over. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 45b.**

From [**Jules**] **Comte de Montfort.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Encloses a letter he has received from a woman (3 p.) exposing him as an impostor masquerading under an assumed name and threatening to tell Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 203.**

From [**Abbé**] **Morellet.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Desiring information of Lieutenant-Colonel Bedaulx; rumor of his death. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 92.**

From **Abbé Morellet and M. Cabanis.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Will wait on Messrs. Franklin to-morrow; but Mme. Helvétius will not be of the party, as her brother-in-law has just died. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 10.**

From **Duc de Mouchy.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Hoping that Franklin can dine with his wife and himself on February 7th; his nephew, the Marquis de la Fayette, and his son, the Vicomte de Noailles will share the pleasure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 70.**

From **Maréchal and Mme. de Mouchy.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Inviting Franklin to dine with them. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 212.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [1780?]

Commodore Jones's arrival at Corunna; the English not nearly as insolent to him as to the Dutch. Account of many American gentlemen who escaped from English prisons; efforts made to obtain for some of them a passage home. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 146.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Advice that they have endorsed certain bills to Sir John Lambert. L. S. 2 p. **LXIV, 20.**

From **Chevalier de Pougens.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Accepting his invitation. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 66.**

From **Abbé Raynal.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Requesting Franklin to return his books and papers in order that he may publish his work on America. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 24.**

From ——— **Regnier.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Concerning the dedication to Franklin of his legislative work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XL, 88.**

From **Comte de Richemont.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Concerning the model of a gun-carriage which Franklin promised to offer to the United States; desires to know their response. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 53.**

From **Abbé Rochon.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Request to know if the eclipse of the sun was observed in New York or New Cambridge. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 97.**

From **P[ierre] Roussille.** [1780?]

Shipped in May, 1778, as a volunteer on the American frigate "Boston," Capt. Tucker. Was taken prisoner by the British cruiser "Porcupine" while on an English vessel seized by the "Boston." Remained two years in prison in England. Claims wages due him and his share of prize-money.

A. E. by Franklin. His claim should be made to the proper authorities in America where the "Boston" was fitted out. Advises him to send his claim and proofs to the Consul for France at Philadelphia. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 51.**

From [**Balthasar Georges**] **Sage.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Hoped to present to Franklin, in person, his book entitled *L'Art d'Essayer l'or et l'Argent;* instead has the honor of sending it by M. François Steinsky, Professor of Physics at Prague. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 173.**

From [**Balthasar-Georges**] **Sage.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Sending Franklin a book by one of his friends who greatly desires to see him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 185.**

From [**Balthasar-Georges**] **Sage.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Understands that Franklin visited M. Leschevin's collection of minerals at Versailles; gives it high praise. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 189.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** [1780?] Paris.

Announcing his arrival in Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 174.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** [1780?] Paris.

Acknowledging his invitation for dinner on Sunday; prefers to come on a day when he can see him alone. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 188.**

From **Teissier de la Tour** and **Guiliet.** [1780.]

Concerning his arrest. Diss. 4 p. (In French.) **LXI, 76.**

From **The Treasurer of Loans.** [1780.] Philadelphia.

Sends certified copy of Resolution of Congress of December 8, 1780, in reference to the issue of setts of exchange in place of those lost. Notification of issue of same. L. S. Fra[nci]s Hopkinson. **LXIV, 31.**

From **[Etienne François, Marquis] Turgot.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asking letters of recommendation on behalf of a young merchant, M. de Roulhac, and a young engineer, M. Menedrieu de Barci, both of whom are in America. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 8.**

From **Urtado, [Marquis] Damdraga.** [*Circa* 1780.] Paris.

Accepting with pleasure Franklin's invitation to dine with him on Sunday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 163.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Asking if he can call for him in his carriage to go to dine at M. de Malesherbes's and if Mr. Jones will come also. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 236.**

From **[Louis Guillaume Le Veillard.** *Circa* 1780.]

About seeing M. de Maillebois and about a certain letter. 2 A. N. 1 p. each. **LXXI, 81a and b.**

From **Chevalier de Vesmon.** [*Circa* 1780.]

In reference to a letter sent to Franklin. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 87.**

From **[Claude Henri] Watelet and Mme. Lecomte.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Thanking him and his grandson for their visit and inquiring about their health. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 96.**

From **[Claude Henri] Watelet.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Deputed by the Duke de Nivernois to ask his good offices on behalf of the person mentioned in the enclosed note. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Directs an answer in the affirmative. **XL, 78.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** [1780?]

Concerning a bill of exchange to be given M. de Chaumont by Franklin. Impatient to hear of the ship, the " Marquis de la Fayette," having quitted Bordeaux. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 74½.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Account of the elections, received in a letter from his father-in-law [William Alexander]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 182.**

From **[Mlle.] Williams.** [*Circa* 1780?]

Begging Franklin to purchase a specimen of her work, a portfolio, for the sum of two louis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 111.**

From **[Mlle.] Williams.** [*Circa* 1780?]

Requesting an answer of some kind to her former letter, or the return of the portfolio. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 112.**

From **Baron Johan He[i]nrich de Wülffen.** [*Circa* 1780.]

Acknowledging his kindness; desires the certificate sent Franklin by the Prussian Ambassador; without it, cannot go to Holland. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 80.**

From ——— ———. [1780. Dresden.]

Sends German translation of Franklin's works. Wishes to know the titles of any other works written by him in order to have them added to these three volumes. The quarto book is from H. H. the Prince of Furstenberg, who has brought together here into a philosophical and historical society some learned men of this capital. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 93.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

Warning him against entrusting the affairs of M. Chaffert to De Baumont. Says the latter is a swindler and has been in prison several times. The Public Prosecutor of the Chatelet district could tell all about him. L. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. "Anonymous letter written with the left hand to avoid detection." **XLIV, 96.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

Highway robbers took the few francs he had; asks Franklin's assistance. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 97.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

In reference to a package of letters written by a self-styled prophet and miracle-worker and addressed to Congress and Washington. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 131.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

On the war between France and England and the reverses sustained by the English fleets. Reflection on current events of the war by an old man of eighty. Verses. 3 p. (In French.) **LI, 42.**

From ——— ———. [1780?]

Two American vessels having arrived at Bilbao, announce the capture, in Chesapeake Bay, of the "Romulus" by M. [Jean Le Gardeur] de Tilly, commander of "L'Eveille." A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 145.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

Expects to dine with M. Turgot and Baron d'Holbach at Franklin's house on Friday. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 98.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

Requesting him to let M. Turgot know if the dinner will take place next day. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 99b.**

From **Thomas [de] Mante.** 1781. January 1. Sceaux.

Desires to serve America; in a continual state of want; applies to Franklin for aid. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 1.**

From **[Baron] H. H. [de] Poellnitz.** 1781. January 1. Bordeaux.

New Year congratulations. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 1½.**

From ——— **Marcorelle.** 1781. January 1. Narbonne.

Publishes a semi-weekly political and scientific periodical; sends the last number with an account of Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 2.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1781. January 1. Philadelphia.

Instructions for procuring a further loan in France. Mission of Col. [John] Laurens. L. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President. 2 p. **XXI, 2½.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 526; Bigelow, VII, 183).

From **[C. W. F.] D[umas].** 1781. January 1. Amsterdam.

England's manifesto of Dec. 20th, declaring war on Holland. The English church at The Hague burnt; motives unknown. His approaching departure for The Hague with Messrs. Adams and Searle. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 201.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1781. January 1.

Wishes for the New Year. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 4.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, October, 1906, 35.

From **The Board of Admiralty.** 1781. January 2. Philadelphia.

Requests information in regard to a late expedition commanded by John Paul Jones, in which the frigate "Alliance" took part; especially as to the ownership of the other ships, any previous agreement as to the distribution of proceeds from prizes, the amount of proceeds, the benefits received by the United States, the dispute between John Paul Jones and Captain Landais, and as to the "Alliance" since her arrival in French waters. A. L. S. Fra[nci]s Lewis, in behalf of the Board. 3 p. **LIV, 95.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. January 2. Bordeaux.

Announcing the arrival of a vessel from Annapolis; news of the landing made by the English at Hampton and their precipitate retreat owing to a body of French troops having landed at Georgetown, South Carolina; Lord Cornwallis confined to a small circuit around Charlestown. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 3.**

From **David S[alisbury] Franks.**[1] 1781. January 3. L'Orient.

The "St. James" to sail by the 15th inst.; will be ready to embark as soon as he receives his instructions. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 4.**

[1] For Autobiographical Sketch see Pub. of Am. Jewish Historical Soc., X, 101.

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. January 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning the business so admirably adjusted by the Hon. Thomas Barclay, Consul-General in France for America. States several instances proving the Dutch Republic's good will toward America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 5.**

From **[François Barbé] de Marbois.** 1781. January 4. Philadelphia.

Exertions of Mrs. Bache in procuring supplies of clothing for the American soldiers; Rivington's efforts to turn her zeal into ridicule. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 6.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 527; Bigelow, VII, 188).

From **Fleury & Nemadières.** 1781. January 5. Orleans.

Delighted that the wine arrived in good condition; have just shipped a cask of the old wine of St. Denis, according to orders. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 7.**

From [**I.**] **Bordot.** 1781. January 5. Rochelle.

Seeks the position of American agent at Rochelle; movements of the Cadiz fleet. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 8.**

From **Marquis d' Auzoüer.** 1781. January 5. Chataudoin.

His wife most eager for news of her cousin, Charles Carroll, from whom she has not heard for nine years. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 9.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1781. January 5.

Resolution that bills of exchange amounting to £12,000 be drawn on the American Minister at Versailles for the purchase of clothing for the Jersey line. D. S. Charles Thomson, Sec[retar]y, and attested. 1 p. **LIV, 96.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1781. January 6. Philadelphia.

Order carrying out the preceding Resolutions of Congress. D. S. John L. Clarkson, Sec[retar]y, pro tem. 2 p. **LIV, 97.**

From **Poulain de Ceintré.** 1781. January 6. Near Angers.

Wishes a position as Lieutenant or Captain in a Boston regiment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. It is impossible. (In French.) **XXI, 10.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1781. January 8. Lausanne.

Enclosing an account of a volunteer review in Ireland, which his father asked him to forward. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 11.**

From **Baron Zrény.** 1781. January 9. Kaschau, Hungary.

At the slightest word of encouragement, will resign his position, say farewell to his friends and present himself at Passy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 12.**

From **John Willson and Stephen Hamson.**
1781. January 9. Abbeville Prison.

Have been prisoners since October, 1780; penniless and almost naked; entreat Franklin to procure them their liberty. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 13.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. January 9. London.

Acknowledging £150 to be applied to the relief of the American prisoners; the weekly allowance suggested by Franklin will amount to £150 per month, as there are five hundred prisoners; if this sum can be furnished regularly, well and good; but until he has orders to that effect, he will feel justified in distributing less. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 14.**

From **Benj[ami]n Waterhouse.** 1781. January 10. Leyden.

Wrote a few weeks ago enclosing letters from Dr. Fothergill; little thought that he would so soon have to announce his death, which took place on the 26th of December; his director, guide and friend. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 15.**

From ——— **Bertrand.** 1781. January 10. Paris.

Transcribing his letter of September 29, 1780; attributes receiving no reply to Franklin's illness. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 15½.**

From **Isaac All.** 1781. January 10. L'Orient.

Leaves for Philadelphia in a few days; hopes to be entrusted with a letter for Dr. Franklin's family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 16.**

From [**Antoine**] **Court de Gebelin.** 1781. January 10. Paris.

Introducing M. La Renaudière, who, hearing that a printer is wanted in the United States capable of training apprentices, would like the position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 17.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1781. January 11. Boston.

Wrote some months before by Mr. Guild, who probably spoke of a bill then pending in the Assembly for incorporating a philosophical society; it is now formed under the name of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; at the last meeting several distinguished gentlemen were put in nomination, among them the American Ambassador to the Court of France; forwards a specimen of the Society's first fruit. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 18.**

From **Louis Derkenne.** 1781. January 12. Liège.

Offering two hundred and thirty muskets at a reasonable price. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Has no need of them. (In French.) **XXI, 19.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. January 12. The Hague.

Russia strongly for Holland and against Great Britain. Letters of marque against England being generally distributed to privateers and armed vessels. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 202.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1781. January 12. Dublin.

The citizens of Dublin, touched by the present situation in the West Indies, desire to send provisions and clothing; desire a passport and protection for their vessel, as well as Franklin's interest in obtaining the same from the Court of France and the Spanish Ambassador at Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 20.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. Macarty.** [1781.] January 13.

Sorry they cannot dine with him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 214.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. January 13. Paris.

Certifying that he has not disposed of any of the within mentioned certificates and that he has deposited the power of attorney sent him by Mr. Shee with Dr. Franklin. D. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XXI, 21.**

From ——— **Durand.** 1781. January 15.

Concerning a note forwarded to him by a book seller in Turin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 22.**

From **John Fletcher.** 1781. January 15. Ostend.

Introducing Mr. Charles Hill of Bristol, who has helped many Americans in England; he is going to Bilbao on business, and being English born, he will need a passport from the Spanish Ambassador; begs Franklin's interest in obtaining this favor; such services instrumental in encouraging a humane attitude towards American prisoners in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 23.**

From **Mme. Lafargue.** 1781. January 15. Passy.

Account for wages, etc., as cook for Dr. Franklin. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 1.**

From [**Pierre Jean**] **Grosley.** [1781.] January 15.

Has not forgotten the pleasure he had of seeing Franklin in London at Sir John Pringle's. Desires to see him now about a matter connected with the Royal Society of London. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 270.**

From **G. Aubin de St. Lambert.** 1781. January 16.

Hopes for a private audience with Franklin; his former position as Commander of the Royal Frigates. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 24.**

From **Daniel Duchemin.** 1781. January 17. Amiens.

Grateful for the position offered him, but cannot leave his wife and daughter; if circumstances should alter, relies on the continuance of Franklin's favor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 25.**

From ——— **Franquelin.** 1781. January 19. Hesdin.

Asks Franklin's interest to procure him the position of agent on one of the King's farms. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 26.**

From ——— **Rabiqueau.** 1781. January 21.

Sending a prospectus of interest to a lover of the arts and sciences. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 27.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. January 22. Amsterdam.

Announcing that the Dutch states have joined the armed neutrality which was signed at the Court of Prussia; force and spirit shown by the Dutch in regard to English demands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 28.**

From **B. de Grandclos.** 1781. January 22. St. Prix.

Desires directions for converting smoke into flame; understands that Franklin, when he invented his stove, employed a certain method to this end; has failed to find an account of it among his works. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 29.**

From [**Mme.**] **Franklin Laboureau.** 1781. January 22. Paris.

Grateful for Franklin's kindness. Has lost everything through the failure of the firm; begs Franklin to procure employment for her husband. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XXI, 30.**

From ——— **D'aubenton.** 1781. January 23. Paris.

Forwards a memoir concerning certain people in the King's service; begs Franklin to procure him information on this subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 31.**

From **Joseph Conkling.** 1781. January 23. La Rochelle.

His brig the "Whim" ready to receive her cargo; fears that the proceeds from the sale of his tobacco will be insufficient to load the brig; begs Franklin's influence with the Secretary of State to allow him to carry freight from the King's stores to M. de Ternay's fleet at Rhode Island. Any despatches may be safely confided to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 32.**

From [**C. G. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. January 23. The Hague.

Progress of negotiations between Russia and Holland; England's vain efforts to keep Holland out of the Alliance. Desires confirmation of certain cheering news from America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 203.**

From **Princess Daschkow.**

[1781. January 24?] Wednesday. Paris.

Enclosing a letter addressed to Franklin which her daughter received from England; reason why the seal was broken; desirous of making his acquaintance. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 1.**

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1781. January 24. Philadelphia.

Warning as to a number of lost sets of bills of exchange. A. L. S. John Gibson, Jr., President. 2 p. **LIV, 99.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1781. January 25. The Hague.

Efforts made by Sir [James] Harris, the English Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to keep Holland out of an alliance with Russia; attitude of the Empress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIX, 204.**

From ——— **Genet.** 1781. January 27. Paris.

Request from Capt. [William] Robeson for a passage to America on board one of the King's ships. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 33.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. January 27. Antwerp.

Situation of Antwerp admirable for commerce, though that as well as politics appears to have been banished. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 34.**

From [**Antoine Laurent**] **Lavoisier.** 1781. January 27.

Has just heard that the shipment of saltpetre from St. Malo to L'Orient has terminated successfully; offers his congratulations. Has sustained a heavy blow in the loss of an aunt who had been a second mother to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 35.**

From [**Francis M.**] **Dana.** 1781. January 27. Paris.

Accepting invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXI, 36.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** [*Circa* 1781.] January 29. Versailles.

Hopes Franklin has regained health. Asks him to accept as a gift the portrait of the Archbishop of Paris which will soon be engraved and delivered to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 202.**

From **James Searle.** 1781. January 29. Paris.

Unable to accept his invitation to dinner as he is engaged to M. de Beaumarchais. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXI, 37.**

From ——— **Daubert.** 1781. January 29. Caen.

Enclosing a sonnet (1 p.) of which Franklin is the subject; written in honor of the Immaculate Conception; it won the first prize at the University of Caen. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 38.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. January 30. The Hague.

Holland's manifesto not yet published; fears the consequence of so much delay. Holland likely to ask of France aid for her forces in the East Indies. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 205.**

From **Princess Daschkow.** [1781.] January 30. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind note and appointing a day when she will be happy to see him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 12.**

From **[Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir.** 1781. January 31. Paris.

Enclosing the desired permission, that the books held at the custom-house may be delivered to Franklin's address without further delay. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 39.**

From **The American Academy of Arts and Sciences.** 1781. January 31. Boston.

Certificate of membership. **Portfolio.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1781. January 31. L'Orient.

Have paid the desired amount to Capt. Nicholas Broughton of Marblehead. The ship "Marquis de la Fayette" not yet appeared. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 40.**

From ——— **Deshautesrayes.** 1781. February 1. Collège Royal.

His cousin is a printer who desires to pursue his trade in Boston; answers for his intelligence and ability. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 41.**

From **Marquis de Chastellux.** 1781. February 1. Newport.

Praises Mr. Laurens in the highest terms. Franklin's letters of introduction procured him the kindest welcome in Philadelphia, from Mr. Reed and the Academical Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 42.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. February 1. Nantes.

Since his last a ship loaded with sugar and cotton from Port au Prince (but belonging to Boston) arrived at l'Orient to his address. Each post informs him that the ship ["Marquis de la Fayette"] is ready but she is, notwithstanding, still at Bordeaux. If he had not made the bargain for her he could now ship the goods in American bottoms as there are two or three ships at l'Orient. Has sent M. de Chaumont his account current by this day's post. If Dr. Franklin takes this clothing he will repay Mr. de Chaumont by him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 76.**

From **Samuel Cooper.** 1781. February 1. Boston.

For news of the state of affairs, refers him to Col. [John] Laurens, an officer in the army and son of former President Laurens, now a

prisoner in the Tower of London; Col. Laurens's mission probably connected with the great need of money. Greater degree of unanimity in the settlement of the new Constitution. Has long expected the arrival of Capt. Jones in the "Ariel"; doubts not he will clear himself of all charges against him; Landais's trial and the testimony of the officers and passengers. Franklin elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The bearer of the present letter is his son-in-law, Col. Johonnot, late of the U. S. army, who goes to France to see his son; will appreciate any kindness shown them. Encloses a memoir, of which he is the author, concerning the great service rendered the American cause by Count d'Estaing; wishes it printed and published at his expense; encloses copies of his sermon delivered at the inauguration of their new Commonwealth. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXI, 43.**

From ——— **Cottier.** 1781. February 1. Doullens.

Saw in the Pennsylvania Gazette of Oct. 30th, some mention of the Chevalier du Buisson; his only surviving daughter is very anxious for news of her father, who went to America in 1757 and of whom nothing has been heard since. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 44.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1781. February 1. New Windsor.

Fears that party feeling will long delay the choice of a Secretary for Franklin's Embassy. Mission of Col. Laurens; approves his selection by Congress. Has sent, from time to time, authentic and accurate accounts of their successes, but dared not give a confidential account of their extreme need of money, arms, clothing, and ammunition. French force of great service in counteracting the enemy's plans. Col. Laurens can furnish all particulars of a public and private character. His own situation in America is the happiest he can ever hope to obtain. Not surprised to discover that Franklin has enemies, but the people at large revere his name. Does not know whether their little book has yet made its appearance; enemy's hellish trade will furnish him with further material, which he will forward. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXI, 45.**

From **Thomas Newenham.** 1781. February 1. Brussels.

The books which the bearer will deliver, were given him by his uncle, Sir Edward Newenham; has also a letter from his uncle which he will deliver in person. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 46.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1781. February 2. Boston.

Introducing [Louis Dominique Ethis] de Corney, a member of several literary societies in Europe, who came to America with the Marquis de la Fayette on public business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 47.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1781. February 3. Dunkirk.

The bearer is Mr. Thomas Wynne, who escaped with his young brother from an English prison; their hope of sailing to America from one of the French seaports; has lent them a little money; leaves the rest to Franklin's known kindness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 48.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. February 5. The Hague.

Sending enclosure for Congress. Talk of a general peace through the intervention of Russia; report that England has proposed a nine years' truce to France. Delighted to see Mr. Silas Deane. Account of his conversation with Mr. Searle and the French Ambassador. Conference between the Ambassador and M. G[illo]n; the latter's belief that he will soon be able to set sail from the Texel. Desiring to know if there is any Minister in Europe with sufficient power from Congress to enter into negotiations with Russia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 206.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1781. February 5. L'Orient.

The arms damaged on board the "Ariel" and left for repair are nearly ready for shipping; desires to know if they are to go on board the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 49.**

From ——— **Jourdan.** 1781. February 5. Troyes.

Has several talents which he thinks will prove advantageous to the Colony of Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 50.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1781. February 7. Vienna.

Wrote some weeks before of experiments done according to Franklin's directions, with wires of various metals. Repeats his inquiries concerning an important letter from Mr. Wharton, which he never received. Vexed at the ungenerous behavior of the English towards his country; hopes the northern powers will no longer brook the pride

and arrogance of that nation. Begs for news of America and suggests a way of forwarding newspapers. Has observed a blunder in all the translations of his "Theory of the Electrophorus," which affects the sense; will publish a new translation, with improvements. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 51.**

From **——— Lesease.** 1781. February 8. Mont Flanquin.

Desires to serve in the United States on condition that he receive the command of infantry or cavalry troops. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 52.**

From **Benja[min] Jepson.** 1781. February 8. Boston.

Asking that payment be stopped on certain bills. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 53.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] February 8.

Sends him a foolish thing written for him; will be very angry if he tells anyone that she writes verse. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 15.**

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From **L. de Neufville.** 1781. February 8. Amsterdam.

The disagreeable situation of Mr. Digges; caused by Mr. Trumbull's mentioning his name in his trial. Mr. [Winslow] Warren and Mr. Brailsford both taken up; reasons why they were suspected. Mr. [John] Temple's cautious behavior saved him. **XXI, 54.**

From **Joseph Willard.** 1781. February 9. Beverly.

Announcing Franklin's election as a member of the American Society of Arts and Sciences in January, 1781; encloses a catalogue of the present officers, the act of incorporation and the President's oration. Desires to know what publications of merit have appeared in France during the last five or six years, especially in Natural Philosophy, Mathematics and Astronomy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 55.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. February 9. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. [John] S[c]haffer, recommended to him by Mr. Morris of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 77.**

From ——— **Girard.** 1781. February 10. Rennes.

In August, 1777, rented a carriage to a Mr. Vincent, an American, which was the last he ever saw of it; asks that the value of the vehicle be given him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

[A. E. by Franklin.] Advises him to write to the French Consul at New York, with a power of attorney, authorizing him to recover the property. **XXI, 56.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1781. February 10. Paris.

Enclosing a bill of the Loan Office for acceptance; reasons why a bill is often refused. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 57.**

From **P**[ier]**r**[e] **Bũyck.** 1781. February 11. Gand.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Thomas White, whose funds are in Franklin's hands; desires to know for what amount he may draw. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 58.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont, fille ainée.** 1781. February 11. Passy.

Receipted bill for carriage hire and wine. A. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 59.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** [1781.] February 11. Forbach.

Giving particulars about the patient's [the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts] condition, great improvement but still seriously ill. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 96.**

From [**Chevalier de Keralio**]. 1781. February 11.

Sending a copy of a note written to him by the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts and giving particulars of the latter's illness. Comments on the state of affairs in England and the reports of a truce between the belligerent powers. A. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 115b.**

From **Sam**[**uel**] **Hubbart.** 1781. February 12. Mill Prison, Plymouth.

Was taken in the "Wexford" privateer; badly off for clothes and money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 60.**

From ——— **Epidorge.** 1781. February 12. Dunkirk.

Wishes to know if the request concerning the twenty volunteers of Capt. Conyngham's crew came to hand; they live in his house and will give him no peace until he writes again; Mr. Coffyn refuses to do anything for them, as he has received no instructions; they demand their wages and a lawful share of the prize-money. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 61.**

From **Benj[amin] Putnam.**

1781. February 12. Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe.

Concerning the capture of an English privateer schooner by seven Americans, held as prisoners on board; in the subsequent trial, the privateer was adjudged the property of the captors; this judgment has been appealed to France for a second hearing; has purchased the pretentions of the seven Americans and begs Franklin's interposition on his behalf, should the appeal come before the Court of France. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 62.**

From **William Howard.**

1781. February 14. On board a prison ship, "Security," off Chatham.

Six Americans on board the ship in a most miserable situation, without clothes or money; they had all relied upon being exchanged with the Frenchmen; they are treated badly and are short of rations. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 63.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] February 15.

Reproaches him for not coming to see her on her usual day; promises to return all his visits when she is stronger; begs him to bring her little story with him so that she may make a correction. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 16.**

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From **Lars Falck.** 1781. February 16. Stockholm.

Being the proprietor of a large tannery, and hearing that the United Provinces are in need of a quantity of shoes, offers to supply two thousand pair a month, at six shillings a pair. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 65.**

From [**Marquis de**] **Castries.** 1781. February 16. Versailles.

M. de Sartine wrote Franklin in October, 1779, in regard to the sailors of the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham; Franklin's belief that many

of them had embarked clandestinely has been disproved by their names being found on the ship's muster-roll; sends a new memoir concerning this matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 67.**

From [**Abbé**] **Pochard.** 1781. February 17. Alligny.

Asking that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to his friend, Vaillant, in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 68.**

From **Joseph Conkling.** 1781. February 17. La Rochelle.

Repeating his request for freight with which to load his brig the "Whim." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 69.**

From ——— **Le Veillard** [**fils**]. 1781. February 17. Passy.

Enclosing four documents, sent to his father by Messrs. Lavabre, Doerner & Co., bankers at Paris for Franklin's official endorsement. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 70.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. February 18. Forbach.

Announcing that their invalid is on the road to recovery and that the doctors promise a speedy convalescence.

[A few lines added by Mme. La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.] Her brother has only said what was true; she feels sure now that she will live. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 71.**

From **Marquis de Boulainvilliers.** 1781. February 19. Passy.

Craves a passport for the Chevalier Destours, residing in Dublin, whose state of health obliges him to come to Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 72.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. February 19. Amsterdam.

Has received a letter from Capt. Daniel McNeill, from St. Lucia, advising them of his capture and begging that Dr. Franklin be notified not to accept any bills endorsed to his order. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 73.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. February 20. Forbach.

The condition of Mme. La Douairière [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] improves from day to day; she wishes to write herself but he thought best to prevent her as she is still very weak. Nothing in the way of news from Brest; vessels making ready to sail and work going ceaselessly on. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 74.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. February 22. Nantes.

Captain [de Galatheau] of the "Marquis de la Fayette" gone to Passy; cannot guess his business; ship not yet ready to take in all the goods. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 78.**

From **Silas Deane.** 1781. February 22. Paris.

Concerning the claims made by the seamen of the "Revenge"; Capt. Conyngham being dead, thinks it impossible to declare positively on the facts alleged in the sailors' memorial; was told both by Mr. Hodge and Capt. Conyngham that the latter got rid of twenty unruly sailors by putting them on a prize-ship to guard the prisoners; these afterwards got control of the ship and took her to England, where the said sailors were thrown into prison; gives particulars of Capt. Conyngham's last cruise. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 76.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. February 23. Paris.

Begs that the letter he sends may be forwarded by express. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 77.**

From [**Louis Le**] **Grand.** 1781. February 23. Havre.

Desires passports for American ships. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 78.**

From ——— **D'aubenton.** 1781. February 24. Paris.

A few days before, enclosed Franklin a memoir concerning the sugars shipped by M. de Valminière from Martinique to New England; begs to be informed if the memoir arrived safely. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 79.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. February 25.

Quoting from a letter of Mme. La Douairière [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts], which speaks of her improvement, though she still suffers greatly. Extract from her physician's letter asserting his belief in her speedy convalescence. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 80.**

From **A. Benoist Huguier.** 1781. February 26. Orléans.

Has received the little boxes from M. Grand of Paris; wishes their contents declared in order to prevent their being confiscated. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 81.**

From **Jaques Bergeon & Co.** 1781. February 26. The Hague.

If it can be arranged without prejudice to the United States, would like Paul Jones to take command for several months of a Dutch fleet, sent by the citizens and patrons of the outraged republic of Holland against Great Britain. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 82.**

From **Che[valier] de K[eralio].** 1781. February 27. Forbach.

Is delighted with the invalid's improvement; thinks the battle is won and that there will no longer be any occasion to write on the subject which has so occupied their thoughts. French fleet under M. de Grasse on the point of sailing for America; greatest confidence felt in him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 83.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1781. February 28.

The Royal Society of Medicine has deputed him to send Dr. Franklin tickets for their public meeting; trusts that he will not refuse them the honor of his presence. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 84.**

From **Tristram Dalton, Ebenezer Parsons, Daniel Sargent, John C[offin] Jones, Joseph Marquand.** Citizens of Newburyport, Mass. 1781. February 28.

According to the King's orders, transmitted through M. de Sartine, they were to receive a sum proportionate to the value of the vessel ["Fair Play"] lost off Guadeloupe; the estimate made by the Government of that Island falls far below the worth of the vessel; beg that justice be done them. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 85.**

From **Joseph Willard.** 1781. March 1. Beverly.

Desires a safe conveyance for the enclosed letters to Dr. Price in London; begs that certain observations of eclipses, made at the Royal Observatory at Paris, may be sent to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 86.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. March 1. Nantes.

Concerning M. de Chaumont's consent to the appropriation of the officer's clothing to the public account. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 79.**

From [C. W. F.] **Dumas.** 1781. March 1. The Hague.

Movements of Mr. Adams; his negotiations with M. de Neufville relative to a large loan; hopes it will have better success than that of 1778. No apparent haste to strengthen the Dutch navy; discontent among the people. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 207.**

From [François] **Félix Nogaret.** 1781. March 2. Versailles.

Request his opinion on the French translation of the famous Latin verse, "Eripuit cœlo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannus"; suggests various renderings; encloses one to be placed under Franklin's portrait. L. S. 11 p. (In French.) **XXI, 87.**

Printed in part in Works (Sparks), VIII, 538, Note.

From **Ja[me]s Cuming.** 1781. March 2. L'Orient.

Received by the lugger "Aimable Elizabeth," a packet which he forwarded by the last post; now sends some newspapers, and by the next opportunity will forward some journals of Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 88.**

From [Sir] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.**
1781. March 2. Belcamp, near Dublin.

Most grateful for the passports which arrived that morning and desires four more for ships about to sail. His nephew and eldest son as well as his wife and himself look forward to paying their respects to Franklin very soon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXI, 89 and 90.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1781. March 2. L'Orient.

The custom house officers have refused permission to load one hundred and ninety-eight cases of musket barrels on the "Marquis de la Fayette," unless they are furnished with a passport; begs Franklin to forward one as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 91.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1781. March 3. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor with its request for certain letters and punctuation marks; will bring them in person on the first of April. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 92.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. March 3. Bordeaux.

Sends his accounts, including advances made to sundry Americans, for which he has taken receipts; has omitted to mention cases where he only gave to prevent their being objects of public charity. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 93.**

From **Major [William] Jackson.** [1781?] March 3.

Regrets that a prior engagement denies him the honor of accepting his polite invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 239.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.] March 7.

Asks him when he will come and dine with her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 187.**

From **Lord George Germain** *to* **The Commissioners for Restoring Peace.** 1781. March 7. London.

Extract from a letter relative to the restoring of peace between Great Britain and America. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLVII, 192.**

From ——— **De La Corbière.** 1781. March 7. Turin.

Plan to establish a lottery in America; dilates upon its numerous advantages. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 94.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1781. March 8. Paris.

Denounces a young printer of his acquaintance, who intends writing to Franklin and asking for his picture. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 95.**

From **Gourlade & Moylan.** 1781. March 9. L'Orient.

Enclosing two letters from America; will send larger packets by Col. Laurens, who has just arrived in the "Alliance," Capt. Barry. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 96.**

From **[Col.] John Laurens.** 1781. March 9. L'Orient.

Has just landed after a passage of twenty-six days from Boston; the expected arrival of the Marquis de Castries that evening alone prevents his hastening to deliver to Franklin the despatches of Congress, and pursue under his auspices the important matters to which they relate. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 97.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. March 9. The Hague.

Mr. Adams at Leiden. Amsterdam busy building and equipping vessels; the proposal of Amsterdam and Rotterdam to forbid all importation of English manufactures and all exporting to England of grain, linseed, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 208.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1781. March 9. L'Orient.

Enclosing a letter for Dr. John Foulke, whom he presumes is in Paris; offers his congratulations upon the safe arrival of the "Alliance." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 98.**

From ——— **de Woedtke.** 1781. March 10. Treptow.

Desiring news of his brother who is reported to have died at Philadelphia with the rank of Colonel in the American army; thinks he may have served under an assumed name; begs that, if possible, a certificate of his death may be procured. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 99.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1781. March 10. Dunkirk.

Hopes to hear soon from Mr. Wharton, as it is nearly three months since the "Ariel" left L'Orient. Concerning the claim of the sixteen French sailors formerly belonging to Capt. Conyngham, for wages and prize-money; enclosing a petition [in French, 3 p.] which they have lately presented to the Judges of the Admiralty, in which they hold him (Coffyn) responsible for the payment of their demands; begs for a letter which may clear him of all responsibility in this matter; asks that an explanation be given to M. de Castries to whom these men have written. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 100.**

From **John Barry.** 1781. March 10. Isle of Groix off L'Orient.

Announcing the safe arrival of the "Alliance"; the bearer, Col. Laurens, can furnish a particular account of affairs in America. Orders of Congress respecting the future movements of the "Alliance"; very anxious to obtain a copper bottom for that ship. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 101.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** 1781. March 11. Paris.

Desiring a passport which will enable him to leave Paris, as he intends returning to Amsterdam in a few days. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXI, 102.**

From **M——. L——.** 1781. March 12. Paris.

Transcribing his own poor rendering into French of the famous Latin verse—"Eripuit caelo fulmen, et sceptra tyrannis." L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 103.**

From **Thomas Mumford.** 1781. March 12. Groton [Conn.].

Informed that his nephew, Mr. Gurdon [S.] Mumford, has been admitted into Dr. Franklin's office, through the influence of Mr. Silas Deane; joins with his brother in acknowledging Franklin's kindness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XXI, 104 and 105.**

From **——— Van den Yver.** 1781. March 13. Paris.

Asks for a stated audience to present an envoy from the Court of Spain, who is empowered to treat of affairs relating to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 106.**

From **David Mumford.** 1781. March 13. Hartford.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in admitting his son into his family until a position can be found for him in a good counting-house; has made great sacrifices in the struggle for independence, which prevents his providing for his children, as he had hoped. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 107.**

From **John Barry.** 1781. March 13. L'Orient.

In case the "Alliance" is to convoy the ship with the Continental stores, thirty or forty more men are absolutely necessary; hears there are fifty Americans on board a French privateer; as the United States may not take French sailors into service, desires permission to get American subjects out of French vessels. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 108.**

From **James Searle.** 1781. March 15. Paris.

Accepting invitation for dinner on the following day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXI, 109.**

From **[Francis M.] Dana.** 1781. March 15. Paris.

Regrets that a prior engagement prevents his dining with Franklin the following day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXI, 110.**

From ——— **Cuillié.** 1781. March 15. Versailles.

Desiring information in regard to the fate of a M. Le Brun de Bellecour, who served under Gen. Washington and as Aide-de-camp to Gen. Lincoln; since the affair of Savannah, nothing has been heard of him and his father is most anxious. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 111.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] March 16.

Introducing M. Gossec to Franklin on his departure for America. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 21.**

From **M. de Chalut.** [1781.] March 16. Paris.

Expects Franklin and his grandson at dinner as promised by them to Abbés Chalut and Arnoux. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 242.**

From ——— **De La Corbière.** 1781. March 16. Turin.

Describes a plan by which a loan of 12 millions could be raised for the United States by the sale of 100,000 bonds at 120 fr. each which would participate in lottery drawings and bring more or less interest according to the result of such drawings. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXX, 68.**

From **Mlle. Ogant.** 1781. March 16. Liancourt.

The autumn before sent Franklin a little memoir concerning her brother whom she thought was serving as General in the American army; wishes to know if anything has been heard of him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 112.**

From **James Vaughan.**

1781. March 16. On prison ship off Rochefort.

Complains of treatment accorded him by a certain Captain who engaged him as gunner upon certain terms; was first captured in a prize belonging to his uncle, Capt. McCulloch, and carried to England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 113.**

From ——— **Riou Khales** [?]. 1781. March 16. Brest.

Request to forward the enclosed packets by Joseph Newman, Captain of the brigantine "Gates." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 114.**

From **Arch[ibal]d Lyons.** 1781. March 17. Caen.

An American officer of the ship "Revenge" who has escaped from Forton Prison, in England; appeals for a loan of 20 guineas. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 42.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1781. March 17. Paris.

Their friends in Amsterdam, Messrs. Crommelin & Son, write that certain bills having fallen into the hands of the English, they beg that none shall be accepted without the signature of their firm. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 115.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. March 17. Nantes.

Prevented by Mrs. Williams's illness from going to l'Orient; loading of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; not surprised at Messrs. L[ee]'s and J[ay]'s enmity; expects nothing from Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 80.**

From **Jonathan Williams, Jr.,** *to* **The Committee of Continental Congress.** 1781. March 18. Nantes.

Informing them of the departure of the "Marquis de la Fayette," laden with clothing for the army; denies all responsibility for the unaccountable delay. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 81.**

From ——— **Le Rouge.** 1781. March 20. Paris.

Sends the maps on a smaller scale; as the surroundings of Fort Pitt were given in detail, he copied them directly from the original; wishes to know if the fête of "Shawane Town," as described by Gen. Pownall, takes place every year. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 116.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. March 20. London.

Franklin deceived by Mr. Digges; his dishonesty in regard to the American prisoners.[1] Prospects of peace; intervention of the Empress of Russia and the Emperor of Germany. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 117.**

[1] This paragraph printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 15, Note).

From **M. and Mme. Necker.** 1781. March 21. Paris.

Requesting Franklin's company at dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 118.**

From ——— **Franquelin.** 1781. March 22. Hesdin.

Wrote in January in regard to obtaining the position of Agent on the King's farms; as the bearer of such an illustrious name, begs that influence may be used on his behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 119.**

From ——— **Pinet.** 1781. March 22. Versailles.

Has the honor of forwarding the enclosed letter from Granville. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 120.**

From **John Barry.** 1781. March 23. L'Orient.

As Franklin has given him no instructions and as there is no one to apply to for further orders, has taken the ship the "Marquis de la Fayette" under his direction and will proceed to Delaware with her as soon as he can get ready. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 121.**

From ——— **D'Angely.** 1781. March 25. Paris.

Desires to go to America and raise a company of light horse and foot; is reluctant to leave without an assurance of Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXI, 122.**

From **Dr. [I.] MacMahon and Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. March 26. Paris.

Wish to know if they may dine with Dr. Franklin the following Saturday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 123.**

From **Richard Neave & Son.** 1781. March 26. Bornier.

Mr. Wharton's departure for America left them without money, credit or a friend; their plans for recovering their just dues; desire Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXI, 124.**

From **Fredric G. Kurlbaum.** 1781. March 26. Bielefeld.

Offering to make shipments of sail cloth, table linen, etc., to America and requesting Franklin to furnish him with addresses of firms, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 124.**

From **M. de Chalut.** [1781.] March 27. Paris.

Asks Franklin to induce Mr. Laurens to come to dinner that day. Count d'Estaing has promised to be present. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 151.**

From **John Barry.** 1781. March 27. L'Orient.

Enclosing names of prisoners taken during his voyage to Boston; sorry to sail for Philadelphia without Franklin's despatches; considers it his duty to convoy the "Marquis de la Fayette" to America. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 125.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. March 28. L'Orient.

Everything ready for the departure of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; she is to sail under convoy of the "Alliance." A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 82.**

From **[C. W. F.] Dumas.** 1781. March 29. The Hague.

Holland's state of lethargy. England's refusal of Russia's offer of mediation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 209.**

From ——— **Bénard.** 1781. March 31. Paris.

Protests his innocence; served Franklin with intelligence, attachment and fidelity. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 126.**

From **John Murray.** 1781. March 31. Passy.

Franklin having accepted, at his request, divers copies of bills of exchange, he hereby promises to make good the amount should originals of said bills be presented for payment. D. S. 1 p. **XXI, 127.**

From **James Lovell.** 1781. March 31.

Sends Franklin a few newspapers; the enemy will tell their own story of the naval engagement of the 16th; they have ventured nearer the truth in Rivington's Royal Gazette than ever before; gallant conduct of the French; the enemy afraid to remain in Chesapeake Bay. Promises to send him Gen. [Nathanael] Greene's account of his affair with Cornwallis. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 128.**

From **[François] Félix Nogaret.** 1781. March. Versailles.

Expresses great diffidence in exposing himself to Franklin's criticism; nevertheless sends him two volumes of his works. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXI, 129.**

From ——— ———. 1781. April 2. Paris.

Complaining that Franklin crossed out a signature on a draft which was presented to him for acceptance. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 45.**

From **[François] Félix Nogaret.** 1781. April 4. Versailles.

From Franklin's silence, fears that he never received the volumes sent him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 130.**

From ——— **Du Castel.** 1781. April 4. Paris.

Has some American paper money; desires to know the best method of realizing its value. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 131.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. April 4. Paris.

Introducing Mr. Vanderpar, from Iceland, who wishes an interview with Franklin on the subject of a vessel taken by Captain Jones and sent to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 132.**

From **W[inslow] Warren.** 1781. April 6. Amsterdam.

Hears that a trunk and box belonging to him have been sent to Franklin at Passy; begs his care of them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 133.**

From ——— **de L'Ecosse** [?]. 1781. April 6. Givet.

Is desirous of going to America and serving as a second lieutenant. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 134.**

From **Christian Emanuel Froelich.** 1781. April 7. Goerlitz.

Desires Franklin to send him the French rules and regulations for a branch of their Masonic Lodge at Goerlitz. Wishes to know if M. Frosch, director of the Royal Lottery in Paris, is still a Protestant. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **XXI, 135.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1781. April 7. Vienna.

Has received no answer to his last letter begging for information regarding Mr. Wharton's whereabouts; his reasons for being anxious on this score. Believes it necessary for the tranquility of Europe that America should remain free; attitude of England. Hopes of a Congress being called in Vienna and the American Minister being of the party. Work he has done in connection with electrophorus; notes on some new discoveries about inflammable and explosive air. Cowardly attack on Batavia by the English. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 136.**

From ——— **Bersolle.** 1781. April 9. Brest.

Has received the packets and, by the first occasion, will forward them to Mr. Holker. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 137.**

From **Pierre Arnoud Tesché.** 1781. April 9. Brest.

Offering to supply anything needed in the way of arms; sends list of the various kinds made in his manufactory. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXI, 138.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. April 10. Leyden.

Difficulty of procuring a loan in Holland; mortified at America's lack of credit. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 139.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 19; Bigelow, VII, 224).

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. April 11. Amsterdam.

Concerning certain bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 140.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. April 12. London.

Equally shocked with Franklin at the consummate artifice and villainy of [Thomas] Digges; sends certain documents which will be proof positive of his guilt; he never applied but £30 of all the money Franklin sent him for the relief of American prisoners. Account of money received and expended by himself on behalf of prisoners. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXI, 141.**

From ——— ———. 1781. April 12.

Requesting Franklin to put in a package for Mr. Jay the enclosed letter for Madrid. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 46.**

From ——— **Riou Khales** [?]. 1781. April 13. Brest.

Concerning certain duties on a cargo of sugar and cocoa brought by an American corsair to Brest; considers them unjust; applies to Franklin for redress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 142.**

From **Vicomte de Bouvoire.** 1781. April 14. Rilly.

Concerning certain moneys due his mother-in-law, Madame d'Admirat, sent from Guadeloupe by her husband, as the proceeds from his sale of sugar in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 144.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. April 16. Leyden.

After seeing the enclosed letter, amazed at Arnold's daring to show his face among men; his present employment that of stealing tobacco and negroes; Cornwallis engaged in the same pursuit. Has not yet succeeded in negotiating a loan; does not possess one grain of Franklin's faith and hope; motives which prevent the capitalists from coming forward. Desires Franklin's orders how the bills accepted should be paid. Congratulates him on his success at Versailles. Good results to be expected, should Spain make a treaty with Mr. Jay. If America were willing to be less honest and would threaten to return to Great Britain, all the other Nations would hang themselves to prevent it; Europe's unfair and ungenerous treatment of America; would give millions to have all Europe remain neutral and let England and America fight it out alone. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 145.**

From ——— **De Segray.** [*Circa* 1781.] April 16.

Sending the enclosed letter. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 194.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** 1781. April 18. Versailles.

Expressing great pleasure at receiving Franklin's book; inserts a verse written in his honor; begs his presence at the Hotel Girardin, already celebrated by a visit from the Emperor. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 146.**

From **William Potts.** 1781. April 18. Passy.

A promissory note for six Louis d'or. D. S. 1 p. **XXI, 147.**

From **A. Benoist Huguier.** 1781. April 18. Orleans.

Concerning two boxes received from M. Grand, with instructions not to forward them without Franklin's orders. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 148.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1781. April 19. Chatillon.

If Franklin has no further need of William Penn's letters, asks that he will give them to bearer; desires also a volume of the Philosophical Transactions. Wishes to know if his brother has arrived in France. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 149.**

From ——— **Ferry.** 1781. April 19. Guingamp.

Offers his services to America. If Franklin disapproves of his plan, does not wish his commander, the Prince de Salm [-Krybourg], to know of this offer. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXI, 150.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1781. April 20.

Reply to Franklin's letter proposing a marriage between his grandson and Mlle. Brillon; mentions the inseperable obstacle to such a union. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 5.**

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From **Juliana Ritchie.** 1781. April 20. Cambray.

Asking that the enclosed letter may be forwarded to her husband. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 151.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. April 21. Bordeaux.

Advices received that the "Romulus," with a convoy of twenty transports, was bound from New York to the assistance of Arnold. Their ships' safe arrival at the Cape to a great market. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXI, 152.**

From [**Mme.**] **Suppin.** [*Circa* 1781.] April 22. St. Germain-au-Laye.

Congratulating him on the successes of the Americans; constantly thinking of him; begs for a line from his grandson with news of his welfare. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 202.**

From ——— [de] **St. Auban.** 1781. April 23. Montélimar.

Thanking Franklin for the information about M. de Maxwell. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 153.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. April 24.

Notes of a correspondence between Mr. Williams and Mr. Thomas, concerning the shipment of certain merchandise to Messrs. Bache & Shee at Philadelphia. A. Dr. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 105.**

From [**Etienne François, Marquis**] **Turgot.** 1781. April 25. Paris.

Desires to know the method advised by Franklin for burning smoke and thus diminishing the consumption of wood; thinks this method might be employed in their kitchen stove which burns an immense quantity of wood. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXI, 153½.**

From **Rasquin de Charleville.** 1781. April 26. Paris.

Petitions Franklin to indemnify him for losses incurred through an order for arms given to him by Mr. Williams of Nantes. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXI, 144.**

From **M. de Neufville.** 1781. April 27. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for his kind visit, and regretting that he was unable to dine with him on Sunday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXI, 154.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. April 27. Amsterdam.

His reason for requesting Congress not to make any draughts upon him until he had money to discharge them, His appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to the States-General; has taken a house in Amsterdam. No chance of credit until their High Mightinesses determine to acknowledge the independence of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXI, 155.**

From **Martha Laurens.** 1781. April 28. Vigan.

Report that her brother, Col. John Laurens, passed through Nantes en route to Paris; their letters to him have remained unanswered; begs for his present address. Her uncle, Mr. James Laurens, [Jr.,] is obliged to set out shortly for England and desires Dr. Franklin to

procure him a proper passport, from the French Minister, for Mr. and Mrs. Laurens and the two daughters of H[enry] Laurens, a prisoner in the Tower of London. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXI, 156.**

From **Philippe Dieffenbach.** 1781. April 30.

A native of Alsace; seeks information concerning his cousin, George Mengs, supposed to reside at Philadelphia, also about his uncle, Michel Dieffenbach, an old resident of the latter city. Wishes to know whether his uncle is living or dead and what disposition he made of his fortune. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LIV, 101.**

From **Louis Eugène Des Watines, Seigneur de Floberg.** 1781. May 1. Saint-Amand.

He and his family are in trouble through the machinations of a wicked young man; begs for Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXII, 1.**

From **F[rancis] M. Dana.** 1781. May 1. Amsterdam.

Introducing Mr. Warren, son of General Warren of Massachusetts. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 2.**

From ——— **Lasseray.** 1781. May 2. Paris.

Tug "L'Aimable Elizabeth" cannot leave for Philadelphia for lack of sailors; despatches of la Fayette and Franklin make a speedy departure of importance; asks that influence be used with the Minister of Marine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 4.**

From **Willemain d'Abancourt.** 1781. May 3. Paris.

Begs that the enclosed letter be forwarded to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXII, 5.**

From **[Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir.** 1781. May 5. Paris.

Has accorded permission that the trunks containing the books be taken to their destination without the usual formalities. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 6.**

From [**Antoine**] **Court de Gebelin.** 1781. May 6.

Grateful for the book, which increases his knowledge of the American languages; has found immense similarity between them and those of the old world; much interested in the vocabulary of the Delawares; has discovered a Phoenician inscription near Jamestown, south of Boston; thinks they may have been driven by storms on the coast of America. His interest in the American Society of Science and Arts; his plan for establishing a correspondence between the American Society and one lately started in Paris (L'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres). A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXII, 7.**

From **Georgiana Shipley.** 1781. May 6. London.

Delighted with Franklin's "Dialogue with the Gout." Difficulty of procuring a safe conveyance for her letters. Her life in London. News of Sir John Pringle, Dr. Priestley and Dr. Price. A. L. 4 p. **XXII, 8.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 25; Bigelow, VII, 230).

From **Pierre François de Bois.** 1781. May 7. Paris.

Served in the American army; desires to reenter it.

E. Dr. Franklin requests Col. Laurens to inform him if he is acquainted with de Bois.

E. Col. Laurens has recollection of an officer of that name but does not know the state of his services. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXII, 8.**

From **Colonel Johonnot and Son.** 1781. May 7. Passy.

Accept invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXII, 9.**

From **de La Lande & Fynje.** 1781. May 7. Amsterdam.

Request that payment of certain bills be stopped. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 10.**

From **E[lkanah] Watson, Jr.** 1781. May 8. Nantes.

Announcing the loss of a small bill. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 11.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. May 8. London.

His explanation of Digges's conduct; thinks it unlikely that the money can be recovered; unpleasant stories told of him during his residence

in America. Thinks Mr. Trumbull a worthy character. Mr. Jones and Mr. Paradise now members of the club. Money needed for prisoners, if weekly allowance is to be kept up. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 12.**

From **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1781. May 9. Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of Mr. Samuel Curson, his partner Mr. Isaac Gouverneur and Dr. John Witherspoon, Jr., taken by the English at the capture of St. Eustatius; cruelty shown to them as well as to Mrs. Gouverneur and her infant; supposed reasons for special severity; their exchange particularly desired. A. L. S. James Lovell. 2 p. (4 copies.) **XXII, 13 and 14.**

From ——— **Lafreté.** 1781. May 9.

Begs that his bill of exchange may be accepted. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 15.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1781. May 10.

Sending Franklin a work by Scheele which had been loaned to Turgot, the Minister, by Franklin and which the writer claimed after Turgot's death. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 22.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. May 11. The Hague.

Mr. Adams's memoir presented to the President of the States-General; will have it published in English, French and Dutch. Reported threats against Holland made by Great Britain. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 210.**

From **Le Monnier de Savigniac.** 1781. May 11. Lons-le-Saunier.

Begs for news of his son who is serving with Rochambeau in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXII, 16.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. May 11. Paris.

Forwards M. Montieu's account; also the protest of the capture made by Capt. Jones, which he begs may be forwarded to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 17.**

From **[Mme.] Cramer (née de Wesselow).** 1781. May 15. Geneva.

Giving an analysis of the character of Franklin's grandson, his progress in his studies and his physical development. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXII, 18.**

From **Coulougnac & Cie.** 1781. May 15. Lyons.

Proposition to furnish woolen cloth for uniforms and all kinds of clothing for account of the Congress or individuals in the United States and to sell cargoes coming from that country. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 106.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. May 16. Paris.

Sends a packet which he begs him to forward with his despatches by Mr. [John] Laurens; sorry to trouble Franklin, but Mr. Laurens, from political or other motives, has avoided him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 19.**

Printed in Collections of New York Historical Society, 1889. Deane Papers, IV, 334.

From **James Lovell.** 1781. May 17. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a letter from Dr. Putnam, also some former proceedings of Congress in regard to the sloop which Count D'Arbaud restored to the Governor of Antigua after it had been taken by Dr. Putnam and others. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XXII, 20 and 21.**

From ——— **L'Ecluze de vieux Chatellet.** 1781. May 18. Quimper.

Desires to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXII, 22.**

From **Jno. Vaughan.** 1781. May 19. Aranjuez.

Mr. Jay declined to receive his oath of allegiance until Franklin's opinion in regard to the propriety of such a step could be learned; begs that an answer be sent to him at Toledo. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 23.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1781. May 20. Nantes.

The bill in question has been found. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 24.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1781. May 22. Paris.

Asking for a passport for his son whom he has determined to send to an Academy near Brussels. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 26.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. May 23. Amsterdam.

The news from America not at all bad; has communicated it to all the newspapers. Concerning certain bills ordered by Congress to be drawn upon him. Begs that the enclosed letter, received from Göttenberg, be forwarded to Mr. Jay, with great care as to secrecy and despatch; hopes it will remove all difficulties with Spain, whose accession to the treaty would be of great value to the cause in every part of Europe. Importance to America of obtaining an acknowledgment of their independence from as many Sovereigns as possible before conferences for peace shall be opened. Suggests acting upon the 10th Article of the Treaty of Alliance. Encloses a memorial of their High Mightinesses. His mission now a subject of deliberation. Discusses Holland's ultimate action. All ideas of peace with England false and delusive. Agrees with Franklin respecting duties. L. S. 3 p.
XXII, 27.

From [**Baron Otto**] **de Blome.** 1781. May 23.

Recommends an armorer who wishes to emigrate to America. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 28a.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1781. May 23. Vienna.

No answers received to his letters of December 2d, February 7th, and April 7th; thinks Franklin's letter was suspected by the authorities and detained in Paris; letters from Dr. Le Bègue de Presle tampered with; directions as to their correspondence in future. His paper upon the theory of the electrophore much enlarged and preceded by an introduction of Franklin's theory of electricity, published in German. Copies of his book sent to Sir John Pringle, Dr. Priestley and other friends. His visit from the Emperor [of Austria] who expressed his regret at not having seen Franklin in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 28.**

From **Philip Mazzei.** 1781. May 24. Florence.

Understood that there was a letter for him from America which Franklin kindly promised to forward; gives address. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXII, 29.

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. May 25. The Hague.

Sends translation of Amsterdam's proposal. His intention to write to Congress concerning the difficulties in which his faithful services to the United States have involved him. A. L. S. 1 p. (Partly in French.) **XXXIX, 211.**

From ——— **De La Brick.** 1781. May 25.

Announcing the birth of a daughter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 30a.**

From **Thomas Paine.** 1781. May 28. Brest.

Goes on board in an hour. Hears that Franklin has expressed a desire to withdraw from business; in case his resignation should be accepted, will use any influence in his power to insure its being attended with every mark of honor and consideration. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 30.**

From ——— **Bersolle.** 1781. May 28. Brest.

Has given the packet to Col. Laurens and received the postage. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 30½.**

From ——— **des Avranches.** 1781. May 29. Paris.

Recommending Mr. Gleiss, who was acquainted with Franklin in London and wishes to consult him on scientific matters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 123.**

From **D. Wendorp and Thos. Heyliger.** 1781. May 31. Amsterdam.

Concerning their vessel supposed to have been retaken from the English by an American privateer and carried into Morlaix. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 31.**

From ——— **Baron.** 1781. May 31. Dunkirk.

Concerning the officers of the frigate "Pallas" who have abused his credit; asking redress. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 147.**

From **Geo[rge] Clifford** and ——— **Teysset.**
1781. May 31. Amsterdam.

Asks that bills lately remitted for payment to Mr. Isaac Hazlehurst by the Hon. Robert Morris be accepted. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 32.**

From **[Etienne François Marquis] Turgot.** [1781. May.]

Received his letter and the enclosed engravings. Thanks Franklin for his offer to give him fuller explanations. Intends to have a model of the stove made to introduce its use in ordinary kitchens. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 75.**

From ——— **Mallet.** 1781. June 2. Havre.

Has received as a boarder a destitute young man called William Williams who claims to be Franklin's nephew; desires advice in the matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 33.**

From **Silas Talbot.** 1781. June 4. Plymouth (Mill Prison).

Commanded the "General Washington" when she was captured by the "Culloden"; his present unfortunate situation in an English prison; begs that fifty pounds be sent him on account. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 34.**

From **Gustavus Hanson,** *et al.* 1781. June 4. Bordeaux.

Appeal from fifteen escaped prisoners claiming to be Americans who are destitute and who beg for relief. L. S. 3 p. **LX, 12.**

From **John Manley.** 1781. June 4. Mill Prison (Plymouth).

Commanded the "Hancock"; begs for a small remittance. American prisoners, worn out by their long confinement, daily enter the English service; their allowance scarcely provides for one meal a day. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 35.**

From **Vicomte de Sarsfield.** 1781. June 5. Paris.

Recommending a young man to Franklin who is seeking employment as a secretary. Intends to go to see Franklin before his departure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 62.**

From ——— **Chais.** 1781. June 6. Versailles.

Sending a letter to be delivered to Mr. Laurens's oldest son then in France. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 44.**

From **Daran d'Arcaignac.** 1781. June 6. Armentières.

Desires to serve in the American army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 36.**

From **Jane Collas.** 1781. June 6. Cambridge.

Mr. [John] Thayer has asked for an introduction; is glad of this opportunity to express her appreciation of her Uncle's kindness to Mr. Collas during his imprisonment in France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 37.**

From ——— **de Chantereyne.** 1781. June 6. Cherbourg.

Capt. Bennet of the "Franklin" has remitted him the money from the sale of the six ransoms. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 38.**

From **William Brailsford.** 1781. June 8. Amsterdam.

Ready to put to sea in a few days; would be honored by any commands from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 39.**

From **John Laurens.** 1781. June 9. At sea.

Concerning Franklin's desire to retire from his present important station; suggests the appointment of a Secretary of Legation; qualifications of Franklin's grandson for such a position. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXII, 40.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 41; Bigelow, VII, 251).

From **L. H. de Bourbon (Prince de Condé).** 1781. June 11. Paris.

Desiring passports for the grooms who go to England to purchase dogs. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 41.**

From ——— **Pothonnier.** 1781. June 11. Paris.

His promise to examine the accounts of the frigate "Alliance," and advise him upon the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 42.**

From ——— **de St. Hubert.** 1781. June 12. Versailles.

With reference to a geographical and historical dictionary he is going to publish and asking Franklin to suscribe to it. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 54.**

From **Robert Benj[amin] Chew.** 1781. June 13. Nantes.

Appeals to Franklin for assistance to pay his board and lodging whilst waiting for a vessel to take him to America. Will repay the money on his arrival or give a note on his partner Charles Washington of Fredericksburg, Va. A. L. S. 3 p. **LX, 31.**

From [**Chevalier**] **Drouart.** 1781. June 13. Vic.

His letters to his son [Henry Dieudonné Drouart] in Philadelphia seem to miscarry; begs that they may be sent under cover to Franklin's son-in-law [Richard Bache], to whom his son is known. Present occupation unworthy of his birth and lineage. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXII, 43.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1781. June 13. Philadelphia.

Introduces Mr. Cornelius Ray. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 44.**

From **Jean Manell.** 1781. June 14. Dunkirk Prison.

His capture by the English; is an American by birth; desires his release. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 45.**

From **Jno. Witherspoon.** 1781. June 15. Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of his son, Surgeon on the Letter of Marque, "De Graaff," taken at St. Eustatius and sent to England; encloses a letter of credit for his son. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 46.**

From ——— **David.** 1781. June 15. Philadelphia.

His promise to recommend him to Congress to fill the chair of Professor of Anatomy; Dr. Chauvet [Abraham Chovet] his only rival. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 47.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1781. June 15. Philadelphia.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Henry Laurens, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain. D. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President. 3 p. (Copy.) **LV, 48b.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1781. June 15. Philadelphia.

Commission of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Jay, Henry Laurens and Thomas Jefferson to accept the mediation of the Emperor of Germany and the Empress of Russia. D. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President, and sealed. (In triplicate.) **LXXVI, 19, 20 and 21.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1781. June 15. London.

His cousin, Mr. Samuel Hartley, thinks of going to Paris; would like to come himself, provided the French Ministry consent; as a former member of Parliament and an honorable man, desires to do nothing in secret. Conciliatory bill moved by his brother in the House of Commons, in the same form as his own of the year before. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 48.**

From **Gustavus Conyngham.** 1781. June 16. Dunkirk.

Has once more obtained his liberty; hopes for a speedy passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 49.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1781. June 17. Versailles.

Knows nothing of the disposition Mr. [John] Laurens has made of the six millions which the King granted to Congress; suggests that M. de Veimerange might be able to inform Franklin as to these matters; the destination of the funds is also a matter of which he is completely ignorant. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Letter press copy in duplicate.) **XXII, 51 and 52.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. June 18. Amsterdam.

Encloses a copy of a letter from Col. Laurens concerning the advisability of using the frigate "South Carolina" to convey to America part of the specie destined for the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXII, 50.**

From **The Continental Congress.** 1781. June 19. Philadelphia.

Communicating instructions for the negotiation of peace. L. S. Sam[uel] Huntington, President. 3 p. **XXII, 52½.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 46; Bigelow, VII, 256).

From **De Heiss de Schwartzenberg.** 1781. June 20. Schwarzenberg.

Is a retired Captain in the German army and wishes to serve in America provided he receives a higher rank and the continuation of his German pension. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 52¾.**

From **Lieut. De Foligné.** 1781. June 21. Passy.

Recounts the services he rendered to the United States since 1777 in landing a rich cargo in Charlestown and saving several American vessels from capture by English cruisers. Requests Franklin to give him a testimonial for Marquis de Castries similar to the one he previously gave him for M. de Sartine. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 67.**

From **Gustavus Conyngham.** 1781. June 21. Dunkirk.

His plans for returning to America. Miseries of American prisoners in England; hunger forces them into the English service. If the ac-

counts of Mr. Digges be true, thinks him one of the worst of men. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 53.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1781. June 22. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. George Harrison, of Philadelphia. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 54.**

From **Van den Yver fréres.** [1781. June 23.]

Sending a letter which they have just received from Antwerp. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 77.**

From **Comte d'Estaing.** 1781. June 23. Passy.

Will be a great pleasure for him to meet such a lady, but would have been pleased in any case to wait on Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 97.**

From ——— **Beyer.** 1781. June 24. Paris.

Will bring the instrument mentioned, the following Sunday if convenient. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 55.**

From ——— **Varon.** 1781. June 24. Saint-Leger.

Recommending his nephew and M. Larendoutte who were officers on the ship "Marquis de la Fayette" which was captured by British cruisers while bound for Philadelphia with a cargo of supplies for Congress. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 15.**

From **[Phillipe Henri, Marquis] de Ségur.** 1781. June 24. Versailles.

Sending Franklin a despatch from America just received in his own despatches. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 64b.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1781. June 24. Warwick.

Assures him of their health and the continuance of their affection. Popularity of the French officers; determination of the French to take New York; reason why the American officers declined to give them advice as to the transportation of their baggage. Efforts made by Franklin's sister [Mecom] to obtain the sermon he wrote for; fears it was lost in the hurry of the wedding. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 56.**

From **C. Gandelier.** 1781. June 24. Senlis.

States the condition upon which he will receive Mr. Young into his household and instruct him in the French tongue. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 57.**

From **W. Davies.** 1781. June 28. Newport, R. I.

His son, William Davies, a prisoner in England; begs that Franklin will allow him $100 for which bills will be duly honored. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 59.**

From [**Major**] **W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. June 29. Amsterdam.

Advisable to wait a few days to sail with a Dutch squadron destined as a convoy to the Baltic. The loss of the "Marquis de la Fayette" renders every precaution necessary to prevent a further disappointment in supplies. Any commands of Franklin's will be faithfully attended to. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 60.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. June 29. London.

Digges's guilt well-established; subscription for the relief of the prisoners exhausted; if there is any cash to spare begs that it be forwarded, as there are five hundred of these unfortunates. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 61.**

From **Pierre Borde.** 1781. June 30. La Rochelle.

The troubles of Capt. [Joseph] Conkling with his brig the "Whim" and her cargo of tobacco. The need of a consul at La Rochelle; desires the post. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 62.**

From ——— **Le Fort.** 1781. June 30. Marseilles.

The capture of their ship "Elégante" by the English frigate "Emerald," through treachery of the militia of the country; indemnification accorded by Congress; new laws passed which would affect the value of said indemnity; desires Franklin's intervention. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXII, 63.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. June 30. Bordeaux.

Has heard of the capture of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; loss to America of this much-needed clothing; offers a quantity of cloth and other furniture, to be shipped at Franklin's command. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 64.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1781. July 1.

Account with Benjamin Franklin from 1777, June 12, to 1781, July 1. Mem. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LXIV, 1, 3.**

From ——— **Martin.** 1781. July 2. Neuville.

Services rendered to one William Williams purporting to be Franklin's nephew; desires reimbursement. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXII, 65.**

From [**Major**] **W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. July 2. Amsterdam.

His determination to arrest the money now in M. Fizeaux's hands; it was committed to his (Jackson's) charge for a special purpose and he is accountable; Franklin cannot have the disposal of the money, as it was obtained by Col. Laurens, appointed Special Minister for that purpose; entreats the repeal of Franklin's orders to M. Fizeaux, which detains the ship and supplies so much needed in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 66.**

From [**Major**] **W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. July 2. Amsterdam.

Obliged, in conformity to Col. Laurens's instructions, to retain the money confided to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 67.**

From **Tim[othy] Folger.** 1781. July 3.

Begs for permission to return to Lille. Enumerates goods he will carry in the sloop "Lively." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 68.**

From **MacCarthy More.** 1781. July 4. Boulogne.

Desires to enter the service of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 69.**

From **Gustavus Conyngham.** 1781. July 4. Paris.

Concerning the French crew of the "Revenge"; certain they have no just cause for complaint; they were paid their shares in spite of being the worst of mariners and of little service. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 70.**

From **[Major] W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. July 5. Amsterdam.

Remonstrating against the detention of Commodore Gillon's vessel, which is to carry the sorely-needed supplies to America; in case Franklin refuses to withdraw his orders to M. Fizeaux, will be obliged to solicit the interference of Court and to produce Col. Laurens's instructions to him and his despatches to Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 72.**

From **[C. W. F.] D[umas].** 1781. July 6. The Hague.

Enclosing a copy [1 p.] of the declaration of the French Ambassador, M. de la Vauguyon, announcing a suspension of the decree against Holland until August 1st. Leaving immediately for Rotterdam; will go from thence to Paris, according to Franklin's desire. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 212.**

From **Baron de Thun.** 1781. July 6. Paris.

According to Franklin's directions, M. Auer wrote in regard to some money in Germantown, Pennsylvania, due a widow in his parish, but has received no response; desires further advice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 73.**

From **Mary Cochran.** 1781. July 6. Philadelphia.

Has left her native land in search of peace; not in Mr. Cochran's power at present to remit money for her child's schooling; Mr. Cochran among the prisoners sent from Charlestown to St. Augustine. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 74.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. July 7. Paris.

Requesting him to let his servant take the trunks left at Passy. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 13a.**

From **Duc de Villequier.** 1781. July 8. Paris.

Announcing the death of his father-in-law, the Marquis de Courtanvaux. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 86.**

From **James Falls.** 1781. July 10. Ostend.

Sends letters addressed to Mr. Moses Young to Franklin's care. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 75.**

From **David Finney.** 1781. July 10. Newcastle.

Begs Franklin if possible to obtain intelligence from London concerning his appeal. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 76.**

From **Jos[eph] Morris.** 1781. July 10. Philadelphia.

Introducing Samuel Powel Griffitts, his great nephew, who has studied physic under Dr. Kuhn of Philadelphia and taken his degree with honor; a voyage to England being difficult at this juncture, the young man will visit the hospitals in France; will be most grateful for any kindness shown him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 77.**

From ——— **Destouches.** 1781. July 14. Dunkirk.

Enclosing a letter from Capt. [Bennet] Negus of the "Franklin" whose conduct during his late cruise deserves much praise. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 78.**

From **Sam[ue]l Rhoads.** 1781. July 14. Philadelphia.

Introducing Samuel [Powel] Griffitts; will be most grateful for any kindness shown his kinsman. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 79.**

From **Bennet Negus.** 1781. July 14. Dunkirk.

Grateful for interest shown in his advancement. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 80.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1781. July 15. Madrid.

The united fleet near Cadiz. Rumor of the capture of Pensacola; rejoicing on the part of the King; celebrations in which Mr. Jay will take part; all this very flattering to [Don Joseph] Galvez who has the honor of this enterprise and to his nephew [Bernard Galvez] who had the glory of executing it. Military affairs in America; advantage seems to be with the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 81.**

From **Mary Haine.** 1781. July 16. Paris.

Married to a native of Newbury, Mass., who has been taken prisoner; left with two small children; begs Franklin to procure her a situation as housekeeper. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 82.**

From **Joseph Mayer.** 1781. July 16. Constance.

Has a predilection for military life. His parents enlisted him as a volunteer in the Swiss Guard at Paris. Asks Franklin to recommend him to be promoted to be an officer in the Swiss Guard. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 5.**

From [**Mme.**] **Thomassin (née Baronne de la Grange).** 1781. July 16. Douai.

Wishes to forward a sum of money to her son, serving in the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 83.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1781. July 17.

Concerning the acceptance of a bill, probably found on some ship taken by the English. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 84.**

From **F[ranci]s Hopkinson.** 1781. July 17. Philadelphia.

Wrote him by the unfortunate President Laurens, enclosing some of his labors in the cause; his chief disappointment in the loss of his squibs was that they would probably have given Franklin cause for laughter—a most wholesome exercise. Will not discuss the question of Franklin's friends and enemies; to be without the latter is to be of no consequence in the world; his own love and esteem for Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 85.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. July 20. The Hague.

Reason why his letters have declined in number; recommends certain extra precautions to prevent his letters being opened. Enclosures for Congress and Mr. [William] Carmichael. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 213.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. July 20. London.

Mr. Veillard will be discharged with the other passengers of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; they will all be furnished with papers and permits to pursue any route they judge proper; has furnished Mr. Veillard with a letter of credit. Further trickeries of Digges brought to light. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 86.**

From **Jon[athan] Loring Austin.** 1781. July 21. Nantes.

Expects to embark shortly for Philadelphia; will take charge of any letters for Franklin or Mr. Williams. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 87.**

From ——— **Sagnion.** 1781. July 23. Paris.

Gives carpenter's estimate and address. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 88.**

From **Moses Brown.** 1781. July 23. Amsterdam.

Captured a brig which he suspects of being commissioned against the United States; wishes to know if Franklin ever granted a pass to a certain Benjamin Joy in command of said brig. Expects to sail in four or five weeks. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 89.**

From **Jean Remy.** 1781. July 24. Dunkirk.

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to his cousin, Mr. Martin, in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 90.**

From ——— **Fouville.** 1781. July 25. Lyon.

Inventor of a machine, warranted to destroy the rock of Gibraltar, and of many others which will secure victory to the American cause; explains his inventions. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XXII, 91.**

From **George Little,** *et al.* 1781. August 25. Caen.

Five American officers of vessels who have escaped from Forton Prison in England appeal for assistance and for instructions. L. S. 2 p. **LX, 16.**

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** 1781. July 26. Grenada.

Introducing his friend, Mr. Robert Young, to whom he is indebted for counteracting the influence of his enemies in the Island of Grenada. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 93.**

From **F. R. Granger.** 1781. July 28. Dunkirk.

Applies for reimbursement for supplies furnished to American prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 94.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1781. July 29. Dunkirk.

Sums expended for the relief of American prisoners, among others, a Mr. Macnamara, lieutenant of artillery in the service of the State of Maryland, who made his escape from Mill Prison. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 95.**

From **D'Acosta Brothers & Co.** 1781. July 31. Nantes.

Asking for news of a packet of important letters directed to Mr. Mazzei and recommended to Franklin's care. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 98.**

From **Thomas Collyer.** 1781. July 31. Nantes.

Begs that his commission be transmitted; his ship ready to be launched. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 99.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1781. July. London.

Received Franklin's letter, also one from Lewis Evans's daughter, desiring some remittance from the sale of the maps and topographical descriptions of America; fears his reply miscarried, wherein he advised her to apply to Mr. Almon; introducing his friend Mr. Hobart. Wishes to God he and Franklin could meet; thinks together they might do something to arrest the ruin which hangs over both countries. A. L. 4 p. **XXII, 100.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** [1781. July ?]

Sends Franklin some papers read at the last meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a printed report on the burial of the dead in the Island of Malta. Thanks him for assisting at the Society's public meetings. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 80.**

From **Jacques Besse.** 1781. August 1. Strasbourg.

Wishes to be instructed in the art of making printers' ink; desires to know the process employed in England by which maps are printed on pocket handkerchiefs, London in red on one side and Paris in blue on the other. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXII, 101.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. August 1. Amsterdam.

Encloses list of all accepted bills since his last account. Hopes the rumor that the ship is to sail in a few days will prove true. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 102.**

From ——— **Beyer.** [*Circa* 1781.] August 1.

Has been ill several days and unable to work on his [musical] instrument; hopes to have it completed in a week. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 133.**

From ——— **Jourdan.** 1781. August 8. Paris.

Sends 600 livres which Franklin has promised to forward to Madame Thomassin's son, an officer in the French troops stationed in Rhode Island. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 104.**

From **Jean Frederic Eicke.** 1781. August 9. Clausthal.

Encloses letter to be forwarded to Gen. [John Peter Gabriel] Muhlenberg at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 105.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1781. August 10. Paris.

Begs that all possible kindness and protection be shown an American of French origin, M. Crevecoeur, the son of an old friend of hers and of her husband; he has been many years in America and has come over to visit his family; has lost most of his property in the present war. Hopes to see again at Sannois her dear Doctor for whom she has the greatest respect and admiration. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 106.**

From ——— **de Pio.** [1781?] August 10. Paris.

Sending the third volume of the works of [Gaetano] Filangieri, with a letter from the author. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 58.**

From ——— **Martignan (for M. Boetres).** 1781. August 11. Paris.

Announcing the acceptance of bills drawn to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 107.**

From [**Gov.**] **Th**[**omas**] **Johnson.** 1781. August 12. Maryland.

Begging his kind offices on behalf of Mr. [Matthew] Ridley, who is about to return to France on private affairs, as well as on matters concerning the State of Maryland. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 108.**

From **B. de Steuben.** 1781. August 15. Beerwalde.

Encloses a letter to be forwarded to his brother, Inspector-General of the United States army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 109.**

From **Peter Blake.** 1781. August 15. London.

The bearer, Capt. William Kennedy, of Baltimore, has come to London to remove some property from there to the Middle States; Resolve passed by Congress forbidding this after November 1st; begs for Franklin's intervention as they cannot possibly arrange the affair before the expiration of that time. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Franklin, "refused." **XXII, 110.**

From **Poreau & Co.** 1781. August 16. Dunkirk.

Ignorant what kind of treatment an American in the French service should expect, when taken prisoner by the English; think that Capt. Christopher Codner, late commander of privateer "The American Union," was given treatment unworthy of a civilized nation; beg Franklin to procure his exchange; they have laid his case before the Marquis de Castries, Minister of Marine; transcribe three of Capt. Codner's letters describing his treatment. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXII, 111.**

From **Philip Mazzei.** 1781. August 16. Florence.

In regard to some papers of importance lately received from the Government of Virginia; instructed by Government to avail himself of Franklin's information and advice; hopes he will excuse the liberty he has taken. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 112.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. August 16. Amsterdam.

Knows of nothing which should detain Commodore Gillon from setting sail. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 113.**

From [**Marquis Henri Cardin Jean Baptiste**] **d'Aguesseau.** 1781. August 17. Paris.

The case of Alexander against the Bank of England ready to be heard; M. d'Aguesseau requested to summon a Committee to judge the affair. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 114.**

From **Pierre Laurent.** 1781. August 17. Paris.

Asking for a subscription. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 115.**

From **Sir John Lambert.** 1781. August 17. Paris.

Enclosing a letter for John Mayo which he begs may be delivered. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXII, 115½.**

From **Madame [Noailles] de la Fayette.**
[1781. August 17(?).] Paris.

Assurance from M. d'Aguesseau that Mr. Alexander's affair will be tried the following week. Asking his kind interest for the enclosed memoir. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 150.**

From **Henry Greig.** 1781. August 22. Gottenburg.

Sends despatches just received under cover of Robert Morris, Esq., of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 116.**

From **James Hunter, Jr.** 1781. August 23 and 27. Fredericksburg.

Forwarding certain letters to Mrs. Strange under Franklin's care. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 117 and 122.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1781. August 23.

Charged by the Royal Society of Medicine to send him tickets for the next public meeting; the Society hope that Franklin will give them the honor and encouragement of his presence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 118.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1781. August 23. Paris.

Concerning the paper by Mr. [Alexander] Small on the method of ventilating the interior of hospitals, read before the Royal Society of Medicine. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 119.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 437).

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1781. August 23. Versailles.

Concerning certain financial offers made by the Minister on the part of the King with a view of helping America out of her most pressing difficulties. A. L. S. 2 p. (Letter press copy. In French.) **XXII, 119½.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **D[umas].** 1781. August 24. The Hague.

Holland's attitude towards America; fair prospect of obtaining a loan for the United States. M. De Linden's famous letter. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 214.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. August 25. Amsterdam.

Gives dates of his letters to the Comte de Vergennes concerning the Peace Commission; thinks the new one will be as useless as the old, and that Britain will never think of peace till every British soldier is killed or captured; quotes from the Empress of Russia's proclamation regarding the Peace Commission to be held at Vienna. Weary of roundabout and endless negotiations; thinks the Dutch have at last discovered the only effective method:—fighting the British ships until the signal of distress is raised; if he ever did any good since he was born, it was in setting in motion the old Batavian spirit of the Dutch. Has no belief in the Peace Commission. L. S. 4 p. **XXII, 120.**

From **William Nixon.** 1781. August 25. Cologne.

Congratulates Franklin on his great qualities; America's noble exertions to be seen in the free trade granted to Ireland; prophesies success to America. Is an Irish Catholic priest, taken prisoner on his passage home from England; is now on parole; if he can obtain his liberty desires to go to America. Sends Franklin a little book as a part of his small endeavors to be of use to his fellow creatures. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 120½.**

From ——— **Chanson.** 1781. August 26. Kehl.

Offering his services as printer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 121.**

From **St. John** [**de Crevecoeur**]. 1781. August 27. Caen.

Has befriended five Americans, who escaped from English prisons; thinks that an agent should be appointed for such purpose; will gladly perform this office without fee, if Franklin believes him capable; refers him to the Comte d'Houdetot and others. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXII, 123.**

From **Cossé de Rayssac.** 1781. August 28. Bordeaux.

Desires to enter the American service. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 124.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1781. August 28. Chaillot.

Wishes to borrow 1,500 livres; only extreme necessity forces him to ask such a favor; has ample security. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 125.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1781. August 29. Vienna.

Much worried at the silence of Mr. Wharton, of Phila., with whom Mr. Coffyn, Dr. Bancroft and himself had engaged in a mercantile speculation. Delighted that the Americans beat a superior English force; thinks it shameful that the King of England should bestow a ribbon upon Admiral [Peter] Parker, who was obliged to retreat before the Dutch. Has published a new treatise in Holland on the manner of respirating and purifying air. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 126.**

From **John Thaxter, [Jr.].** 1781. August 30. Amsterdam.

Mr. [John] Adams has been ill with fever for three weeks and is confined to his bed and unable to write; desires him to acquaint Franklin with the British Government's attempts to make secret contracts with the Americans for masts, yards and bowsprits; for these they offer great prices; thinks the French Court should be asked whether they would have any objection to Congress laying an embargo on the exportation of these articles. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XXII, 127.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. August 30. Amsterdam.

Difficulties encountered in procuring Commodore Gillon's signature, in order that the goods purchased by Col. Laurens might be shipped to America; desires his advice and directions as to future proceedings. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 128.**

From **[Madame John Lewis] Dumesnil de St. Pierre.** 1781. August 31. Château de St. Pierre.

Trouble taken by Franklin in ascertaining the circumstances of M. [John Lewis Dumesnil] de St. Pierre's death; has just received from Charleston all the necessary papers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 129.**

From **[Deacon] M. Auer.** 1781. September 1. Ebingen.

Received with joy Franklin's response in regard to the poor widow, Mme. Höcklerin and her children; has followed his advice, and written to Mr. Richard Bache of Philadelphia. Begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 130.**

From [**Madame**] **de Cheminot.** 1781. September 1. Paris.

Greatly pleased at Franklin's acceptance of her invitation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 130½.**

From [**Lieut.**] **Stephen Gregory.** 1781. September 3. Cherbourg.

Commissioned officer on board the "Confederacy" when she was captured by the English; has been ill ever since landing in France; begs that a place be found for him on board a man-of-war. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 131.**

From **Chevalier d'Ussant.** 1781. September 3. Marmande.

Has received orders from M. de Castries to embark for further service in America. Asks for news of Mr. Searle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 132.**

From ——— **Le Fort.** 1781. September 3. Marseilles.

Transcribes letter written July 30th. Concerning the capture of their ship "Elégante," and the indemnification promised them by Congress; desires Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXII, 132½.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. September 4. London.

Mr. Trumbull had been discharged. At New Prison was refused admission to Mr. Gouverneur without an order from Mr. Knox, Lord Geo. Germain's Secretary. Encloses copies of his correspondence with Mr. Knox (1 p.). Had no trouble in seeing Mr. Curson who thanks Franklin for his attention but neither he nor Mr. Gouverneur are in need of funds at present. Mr. Witherspoon discharged and soon to leave the country. Hopes for a speedy exchange of prisoners; some of the unfortunates have been three years in confinement. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 133.**

From ——— **Damalix.** 1781. September 5. Paris.

Introducing his cousin who was taken prisoner at Savannah and who desires to see further service in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 134.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1781. September 7. L'Orient.

Forwards letters received under cover from Robert Morris, Esq.; the messenger can be trusted in case Franklin wishes to send despatches by the "Delaware" or "Anne." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 135.**

From **J[ohn] S[c]haffer.** 1781. September 8. Paris.

Account of money difficulties with a M. Dotun Le Sage; because of being a stranger, is obliged to settle with the villain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 136.**

From ——— **Le Couteulx.** 1781. September 9.

Enclosing three letters which have just arrived by way of London. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 137.**

From **[Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval.** 1781. September 10. Versailles.

Acknowledging the Gazette; had already heard through M. le Chevalier de la Luzerne that the boasting of Mr. Cornwallis was of the same order as that of Admiral Rodney. In regard to the papers relating to passports, he supposes Franklin wishes him to lay them before the Peace Conference; thinks Mr. Robert Morris's letter should be communicated. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 138.**

From **Lamarque, Fabre & Co.** 1781. September 10. Paris.

Commodore Gillon owes them a large sum of money; according to Franklin's orders, went to M. Amelot who will await them the next day at twelve o'clock; begs that Franklin will have the goodness to be present while their sad situation is being explained. Adjoins memorial (4 p.) concerning the orders taken for the clothing and equipment of the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 139.**

From ——— **Defay.** 1781. September 10. Paris.

Begging Franklin to visit his paper manufactory. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 140.**

From **[C. W. F.] Dumas.** 1781. September 13. The Hague.

Mr. [John] Adams convalescing from a severe illness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 215.**

From **Dorcas Montgomery.** 1781. September 13. L'Orient.

Desires advice respecting the education of her son who may be placed in a school near Paris. Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache and family were with them in July. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 141.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1781. September 13. London.

Forwarding certain publications; Capt. [Jonathan] Carver's volume most interesting, treating of a country destined to form the hemisphere of freedom. Dr. Fothergill's works to be published in three volumes or one large quarto; anxious for any remarks or anectodes of their late amiable friend which Franklin may care to send him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 142.**

From **Dusantoy Lescossois.** 1781. September 14. Rheims.

Wishes to know if it is true that American manufactories have been established at Nantes and other parts of France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 143.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1781. September 14. L'Orient.

Forwards the enclosed letters, as it is safer to transmit them through Franklin's hands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 144.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1781. September 14. Philadelphia.

Encloses a note of two books and desires that three complete sets be purchased on the Public Account and sent to him by three different conveyances. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 145.**

From **J[ohn] J[ay].** 1781. September 14. Saint Ildefonso.

Concerning a complaint lodged against Mr. [David Salisbury] Franks that he left Cadiz without paying for his passage; this accusation unjust as Mr. Robert Morris engaged to pay the passage money in question. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 146.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1781. September 15. Bordeaux.

Introducing Mr. Stephen Willson lately arrived from America. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 147.**

From **V. and P. French & Nephew.** 1781. September 15. Bordeaux.

Encloses a letter for Mr. James Price, an American of distinction, lately arrived at l'Orient; remittances received for him despatched to their banker at Paris. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 148.**

From ——— **Amelot.** 1781. September 15. Versailles.

Acknowledging his favor of the 11th inst. in regard to the suspension requested by Messrs. Lamarque & Fabre; the account to be laid before the King with the details kindly entered into by Franklin, as to the cause of the difficulty. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 149.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1781. September 15. Saint Ildefonso.

Has heard with infinite satisfaction of Congress's refusal to accept Franklin's resignation, as well as the news of his appointment as a Peace Commissioner. Salary allowed him by Congress liberal but his expenses are numerous. Reasons why he has little opinion of the loan in Holland. Glad that the Court of France has engaged to replace the cargo of the "Marquis de la Fayette"; thinks the Americans have a way of demanding things as a right that they should solicit as a favor; cites Mr. Laurens as an example of this. Will send the memoirs of the Economical Society by first opportunity. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 150.**

From **Col. G[abriel] Johonnot.** 1781. September 16. Paris.

Unable to wait upon Franklin on account of preparations for his departure; asks for introductions to Mr. Williams and to French merchants at Nantes; desires a passport. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXII, 151.**

From **John Hindman.** 1781. September 17. Lisle.

Intelligence he collected while travelling through England; made his escape from a guard-ship in Plymouth where he had been detained a prisoner with Col. William Richardson. Account of the ships in the harbor at Plymouth and their destination. English papers speak of sending to America four regiments of infantry and one of horse; a mystery where they are to get them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 152.**

From **Madame [Martinville De] Lafreté.** 1781. September 17. Paris.

The name of the person she recommended to Franklin for the position of Consul is M. Galart des Graux. Announces her intention of making a little trip into Normandy. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 153.**

From **Madame Bénard.** 1781. September 18. Rouen.

Concerning her son who served in the American navy for seven years and has only just returned. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 155.**

From ——— **du Mourier.** 1781. September 18. Cherbourg.

Concerning a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin by Mr. Nixon; greatly impressed with Franklin's generosity; offers to advance the money to Mr. Nixon.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Obliged to him but the bill is paid. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 156.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. September 18. London.

The discharge of Major [William] Cowley, taken by the "Black Princess" and carried to Cherbourg. Board of Sick and Hurt agree to release Captain Manley in exchange. Number of prisoners released from Spain, of whom the Board takes no account. Prisons in England much crowded; upwards of seven hundred in confinement. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 158.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. September 20. Amsterdam.

Mr. [John] Adams still unable to attend to business; their share has been duly attended to. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 159.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1781. September 21.

Bidding good-bye to Franklin on her departure for a long journey. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 74.**

From **M[arquis] de Castries.** [*Circa* 1781.] September 22.

Sending a package and two letters which he had received for Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 152.**

From **S[amuel] Cooper Johonnot.** 1781. September 24. Lyons.

Announcing his safe arrival. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 160.**

From ——— **Hobart.** [1781.] September 26. Paris.

Desiring to know the fate of Mr. Pownall's letter to Mr. Bowdoin and Dr. Cooper. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 162.**

From **Lamarque, Fabre & Co.** 1781. September 26. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in writing to the Minister on their behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXII, 161.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1781. September 26. Margate.

Suggesting a plan to prevent the horrid consequences of fire in opera and play-houses. Promises to send drawings and further details; efficacy of a fire-screen. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXII, 162.**

From **St. John de Crevecoeur.** 1781. September 26. Caen.

Recommended to Franklin by the Comtesse d'Houdetot. Has been put in possession of the wherry in which the five Americans came over; sincerely sorry for poor Colonel [William] Palfrey; hopes that his successor will be equally capable. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXII, 163.**

From **[Major] W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. September 26. Corunna.

Reports Mr. Gillon's violation of his contract and complains of the treatment accorded him and his companions by the former. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 44.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] September 27. Villeneuve-le-Roy.

Is stopping at a country seat 30 leagues from Paris on her journey to Nice for her health. Describes the country and its beautiful scenery. Postscript by M. Pagin, a friend of Dr. Franklin. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 28.**

From ——— **de Bouvinghausen.** 1781. September 29. Stuttgart.

Has received a letter from America from Baron de Steuben; takes the liberty of sending his answer to Franklin's care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 165.**

From **[P. M.] Porquet.** 1781. September 30. Calais.

Sending him certain letters destined for America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 167.**

From **J[oseph] Mayo.** 1781. September 30. Paris.

Concerning the bill of exchange on M. de Chaumont which he has had protested. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXII, 168.**

From ——— **Hobart.** [1781. September ?] Paris.

Sending him a book and a letter from Gov. Pownall. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 166.**

From **Chevalier de Rayber.** 1781. October 1. Versailles.

Desires to know if there is room in the service for more Frenchmen, who can furnish the best certificates and who are persons of family. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 1.**

From **James Lovell.** 1781. October 3. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. Gibbs, who desires to obtain Franklin's counsel in France, where he expects to spend some years; he is a son of Judge Gibbs and a grandson of Secretary [Josiah] Willard of whom he is a worthy descendant. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 2.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. October 4. Amsterdam.

The vessel from New Haven bringing the accompanying packet brought also news of hopes being high in America, on account of the expected arrival of M. de Grasse on that coast. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 3.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1781. October 4. Corunna.

Concerning the differences with [Major William] Jackson and [Col. John] Laurens. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXI, 48.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 4. Amsterdam.

His illness. Concerning the Commission appointed to negotiate peace; question of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson accepting the trust; possible answer of the British to the articles which will serve as a basis. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 4.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 81; Bigelow, VII, 299).

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. October 4. Bordeaux.

Desiring a commission for a fast-sailing brig under the command of Capt. James Tucker, purchased by some American seamen and officers lately arrived from England; intends to arm her as a letter of marque and put on board a small cargo. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 5.**

From **Madame Le Veillard.** 1781. October 4. Paris.

Informed that Franklin has received bills of exchange drawn upon her; refuses to pay them unless Franklin and his grandson consent to dine with her the following day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 6.**

From **Janus, Baron de Freny.** 1781. October 5. Paris.

Bitterly disappointed at being refused permission to enter the service of America; gave up his post in the service of the Emperor and made this long journey, all in vain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 7.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1781. October 5. Dunkirk.

Introducing Capt. William Gibbons, whose ship was taken by the English on the voyage from Amsterdam to Boston; has just arrived from England and desires to consult Franklin on the best means of returning to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 8.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] October 6. Lyons.

Is disappointed at not having heard from Franklin and her friends at Passy. Leaving for Avignon in a few days. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 29.**

From **James Woodmason.** 1781. October 8. Leadenhall St.

Offering a new method of keeping copying paper damped. Printed. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 9.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** 1781. October 9. Paris.

Sends his allegory in honor of the late Maria Theresa; his daughter finds great pleasure in Franklin's society. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 10.**

From [**Marquise**] **de Poterat.** [*Circa* 1781.] October 9.

Asks for advice and assistance in the construction of her fire-place. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 108.**

From **John Foulke.** 1781. October 12. Leipsic.

Acknowledging his kindness to him during his stay in Paris. Coolness with which science is courted in Leipsic; inferiority of their schools to those in Paris; in no way superior to the young seminary which owes its birth to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 11.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1781. October 12. L'Orient.

Money due them. Amount and quality of tea forwarded. Desires Franklin's attention to Capt. Bell's request. Concerning the privateer, "Buccaneer," commanded by Capt. [Hoysted] Hacker; importance of his not releasing his prisoners; thinks a few lines from Franklin would be efficacious. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 12.**

From **A[lexander] Gillon.** 1781. October 14. Corunna.

Concerning the fulfilment of his contract and the payment of the debts of the State of South Carolina. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **LXI, 49, 50.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1781. October 14. Philadelphia.

Reasons which have determined him to educate his two elder sons, Robert and Thomas, in Europe; the bearer, Matthew Ridley, Esq., accompanies them to France and will see them placed at school in Geneva, if Franklin approves this choice; his intention to give them a liberal education. His veneration for Franklin's abilities and character must be his apology for drawing his attention from more important concerns; begs that he will assist Mr. Ridley with his good advice. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 13.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1781. October 15. Orleans.

Much fatigued by the vehicle in which he travelled from Paris. Inquiries he made concerning Major Frank's whereabouts. Expects to continue his journey in the morning; the boatmen's demands very extravagant. Wants Franklin to make his excuses to Mr. and Miss Channing for not taking leave of them; knocked several times at their door without success. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 14.**

From **Mrs. [Mary] Stewart.** 1781. October 17.

Has written to Calais and to England for a copy of the work spoken of by Franklin. Sets out for Brussels tomorrow. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 67.**

From **Mrs. [Dorcas] Montgomery.** 1781. October 17. Paris.

Introducing her son; hopes to wait on Franklin herself in a few days. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIII, 15.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1781. October 18. Chaumont.

Account of his journey from Orleans; his hospitable reception; Mme. de Chaumont and her children in good health; they depend on a visit from Franklin at Christmas; Mr. de Chaumont much beloved in that part of the world; all the family send their love and the beautiful Mme. Foucault accompanies hers with an English kiss. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXIII, 16.

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 18. Amsterdam.

Concerning a poor family called Beer who have come to Amsterdam with recommendations from Mr. Coffyn and Dr. Franklin; will do his best to get the father work of some kind. Relief he has furnished for a year past to American prisoners; no public money in his hands; cannot keep it up out of his own pocket; suggests other ways of continuing such a laudable work. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 17.**

From **J[ohn] S[c]haffer.** 1781. October 20. Paris.

Is once more at liberty and hopes in a few days to repay his loan. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 18.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. October 20. Bordeaux.

Renewing his application for a commission for the brig, "Sally," Capt. James Tucker. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 19.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1781. October 20. Sanois.

Writes on behalf of St. Jean, whose father M. de Crevecoeur is one of her oldest friends; begs Franklin to assist him in his desire to serve the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 34.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] October 20. Marseilles.

Her health is beginning to improve. Promises to write by turns to Franklin and Le Veillard. Has seen in the harbor a vessel called the "Comte d'Estaing" which was for sale.

Postscript by M. Brillon. Hopes much from their stay at Nice, reputed to have the best climate in Southern France or Italy. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 30.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, October, 1906, 38.

From ——— **Hobart.** [1781.] October 21. Paris.

Sending him a pamplet by a former friend of Franklin. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 158.**

From **M[ary] Stewart.** 1781. October 22. Brussels.

Has had an expensive law-suit which must be determined in her favor next fall; desires Franklin to assist her with £20. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 20.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1781. October 22. Paris.

Desires a certain kind of paper for a little volume which he is at present printing; hopes to offer Franklin a copy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 21.**

From **Fizeaux, Grand Comp.** 1781. October 22. Amsterdam.

Statement of account with the United States from May 16 to October 22, 1781. Mem. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **LXIV, 21.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 22. Amsterdam.

Asks for information concerning the duties and powers of a Peace Commissioner. Discusses demand made by Prince de Galitzin. Acknowledges Franklin's medical advice. Desires to know what disposition is to be made of the Continental goods left by Gillon and detained for the freight; from first to last was never consulted in the business; believes Col. Laurens has been imposed upon and that Gillon has violated his contract with him; urges Franklin to send [Major William] Jackson to Amsterdam to finish the business, which has been cruelly mismanaged. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 22.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1781. October 23. Madrid.

Introducing Mr. Boyetet, Spanish Consul-General for France, who will carry Franklin certain letters and papers; Mr. Boyetet's long residence in Spain; his knowledge of public affairs and the great assistance and kindness he has received from him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 23.**

From **Abbés de Chalut and Arnoux.** 1781. October 23. Paris.

Asking on behalf of M. de Chalut, Farmer-General, that Franklin dine with him on the 26th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 24.**

From **J[oseph] Mayo.** 1781. October 25. Paris.

Desiring to know M. de Chaumont's decision in regard to paying the bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 25.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. October 25. Paris.

Their good friend desires Franklin to dine with her the next day before going to Notre Dame for Te Deum. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 26.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 25. Amsterdam.

Testifying to Gillon's good character. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 51.**

From **Anna Sophia Susanna de Bohlen (née Franklin).** 1781. October 26. Königsberg.

Claims to be Franklin's great niece through her father' father, John Franklin; has lost all her relatives; would like to come to Paris, but her means too narrow to permit of it. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 27.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 26. Amsterdam.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of August 6th. Explanation of how his account was reported to have been mixed up with Mr. [F. M.] Dana's. Question of his receiving a salary from the French Court; if this is refused him and Congress can remit him nothing, hopes at least he will be granted a free passage on one of the first frigates of war sent to America; reasons why it would go ill with him, were he taken prisoner by the English; would infinitely rather lie in the tower at Newgate than dishonor the United States by begging or borrowing the means for his subsistence. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 28.**

From **M[ary] Stewart.** 1781. October 27. Brussels.

Since recommending the young man to Franklin, has heard some very disagreeable things about him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 29.**

From **Jonathan Avery.** 1781. October 27. Kinsale Prison.

Surgeon on the brig "Wexford"; captured by His Majesty's frigate "Recovery"; destitute of money and friends; offers to draw a bill on Samuel Huntington for whatever Franklin will advance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 30.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. October 27. Amsterdam.

The ships which the "South Carolina" was to have taken under her convoy; advises that they be purchased and sent to America where their sale will far out-weigh the cost; urges that [Major William] Jackson be sent to Amsterdam to conduct the business. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 31.**

From **Mrs. [Dorcas] Montgomery.** 1781. October 28. Paris.

Desires the honor of a letter for Geneva, as there is a probability of her leaving shortly for that place. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIII, 32.**

From **P. Penet.** 1781. October 29. Paris.

In his power to obtain a loan of 600,000 livres (tournois) for the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if Franklin will legalize his bonds for the State. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 33.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. October 30. London.

Major Cowley's release. Proposition made by the Board of Sick and Hurt as regards the exchange of prisoners; the last remittance used up; begs for a further supply. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 35.**

From **Richard Neave & Son.** 1781. October 31. Bornier.

Without money or credit they are obliged to stay in France until they can get some remittance from America; Mr. Wharton and his friends, though so heavily in their debt, do nothing to relieve them; report of Mr. Wharton being killed. Possibility of selling a piece of property in Baltimore has raised their spirits. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 36.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. October 31. Bordeaux.

Introducing Mr. Bory, who will transmit Franklin the bond, duly executed, for the commission of the brig, "Mariana." Hopes soon to see the Southern States freed from the rapacious ravages of a cruel enemy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 37.**

From ——— **de Autun.** 1781. November 1. Paris.

Justifying the conduct of J[ohn] S[c]haffer towards himself. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 38.**

From ——— **Orry.** 1781. November 3. Niort.

Enclosing a description (3 p.) of a medal to be struck off in commemoration of the birth of the Dauphin; it will be bestowed as a mark of special merit upon the pupils of a certain military school; begs Franklin's influence with the Minister in support of the plan. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 38½.**

From ——— **Bianchi.** 1781. November 4. Paris.

Desiring him to witness several of his experiments, which are based upon Franklin's learned works. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 39.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1781. November 8. Paris.

Sending him two pairs of worsted stockings from which to take his choice. Question of the payments to Mr. Deane by Messrs. Strahlborn & Wolff of St. Petersburg. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLII, 198.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. November 10. Nantes.

Concerning certain duties demanded by the Farmers-General; considers them unjust and absurd. Account of a slanderer in Nantes who accuses Franklin of encouraging Capt. [John] Folger in carrying on an illicit trade with the enemy; gives Franklin this opportunity of denying it, if he thinks it worth his notice. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXVIII, 84.**

From **Comtesse de la Luzerne.** 1781. November 11.

Sends a letter for Chevalier de la Luzerne and requests Franklin to forward it. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 235.**

From **The Faculty of the Royal College.** 1781. November 12. Paris.

Invitation to the opening of the session. Printed. N. 1 p. **LXXIII, 66.**

From **[Major] W[illiam] Jackson.** 1781. November 12. Bilbao.

Announces the defeat of the British on Chesapeake Bay; also that Cornwallis had proposed terms of capitulation. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 45.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. November 12. Amsterdam.

The disposition of the Continental goods left by Gillon, and detained for the freight; advises Franklin to buy the ships. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 40.**

From **The Treasurer of the United States.**
1781. November 13. Philadelphia.

In accordance with enclosed Resolve of Congress (2 p.) has signed certain Loan Office bills of exchange. L. S. M[ichael] Hillegas, Treasurer. 1 p. (2 copies.) **XXIII, 41 and 42.**

From **John Angus.** 1781. November 14. Cherbourg.

Sailed from Philadelphia in the "Franklin"; captured by the English; escaped from prison with his two principal officers and seven of his men; refused help to get to L'Orient or Nantes; applies to Franklin. News from America; French fleet's safe arrival in the Chesapeake; Gen. Washington's junction with the Marquis de la Fayette; Cornwallis's difficult position; Arnold's burning of New London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 43.**

From **Martha Laurens.** 1781. November 14. Vigan.

Received no answer to request for passport for their family; at present her uncle's ill health has put an end to their plan of going to England. Transcribes part of a letter received from a near friend in London, describing the cruel imprisonment of her father; thinks it a sad reflection on America that one of her Ambassadors should, in his prison, want for the common necessaries of life. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXIII, 44.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1781. November 15. L'Orient.

Enclosing letters from America; has just arrived by the ship "St. James"; sends a rough draught of the situation of the French and American armies surrounding Lord Cornwallis; opinion of some officers that he will be forced to surrender in about six weeks. Various reports concerning an action between Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and Col. [Alexander] Stuart, about sixty miles from Charleston. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 45.**

From ——— **Birckel.** 1781. November 15. Strasbourg.

Complimenting him on his love of truth, and the greatness of his soul. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 46.**

From **Dorcas Montgomery.** 1781. November 17. Geneva.

Master [Benjamin Franklin] Bache in good health; had the pleasure of seeing Madame Cramer; believes Geneva to be a very proper place for education; sure that their sons will receive every wished-for improvement. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 47.**

From **Kornmann & Co.** 1781. November 17. Paris.

Desiring to know if Franklin received a letter from one of their friends in Königsberg. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 48.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. November 17. Amsterdam.

Acknowledging his favor of the 7th inst. by Mr. [George] Fox, to whom he promises to show every possible civility. His son embarked for Salem in a privateer. Concerning the Continental goods detained for freight at Amsterdam; discusses the best means of obtaining possession of the goods and the safest way of conveying them to America. His letters to Franklin have been opened in spite of being sent in care of Fizeaux & Grand. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 49.**

From **Dufourny de Villiers.** 1781. November 20. Paris.

Congratulating Franklin on the happy event, which prepares the way for Independence; Franklin's part in this memorable revolution; enthusiasm of the French at this turn of affairs. Desires an interview on an important subject. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 51.**

From **Joseph Bartram.** 1781. November 20. Mill Prison, Plymouth.

When captured bore the rank of midshipman on the frigate "Confederacy"; his distressing situation; encloses a set of bills (1 p.) drawn on Thaddeus Burr at Fairfield, Conn.; begs Franklin to remit him in part their value. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 52.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. November 20. Paris.

Congratulating him on the good news. Their dear Dowager's [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] son, William [Count de Deux-Ponts], has arrived on the frigate "Andromache"; his distinguished conduct at the siege of York; reception of the great news by M. le Comte de Maurepas. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 53.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** [1781.] November 20. Paris.

Congratulating Franklin on the surrender of Cornwallis and his army. Ask leave to dine with Franklin on Sunday to celebrate the event. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 150.**

From **Mme. [Jeanne] Dubois.** 1781. November 20. Saint Brieuc.

Applies for money due her from the American vessel "Le Capitaine Jaune." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 54.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1781. November 20. Madrid.

Introducing Mr. Charles Traverse; sends two books; should they meet with Franklin's approval, his endorsement would be highly flattering to the authors. Mr. Del Campo's dangerous illness retards everything; their dependence, public and personal, is on Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 55.**

From **Guillaume Jaume.** 1781. November 20. Lyon.

At the request of young M. Johonnot, sends the enclosed prospectus (1 p.) of the pension at Ecully; the dear child recommended to his care by the Abbés Chalut and Arnoux; believes he will receive a better education at the above school than at Geneva. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 56.**

From [**Mrs.**] **Dorcas Montgomery.** 1781. November 21. Geneva.

Begs Franklin to forward the enclosed, which will be handed to him by a Mr. [Robert] Pigott, a friend to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 57.**

From **And[rew] Limozin.** 1781. November 21. Havre-de-Grace.

Writes on behalf of Capt. John Lander[s] and Lieut. [Robert] Wil(l)cocks, American subjects, confined for no apparent reason by order of the General-Commissary of the Navy; their miserable situation without comforts or any knowledge of the French language; entreats their release. Congratulates Franklin on the good news from America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 58.**

From **Chevalier Dubuysson.** 1781. November 21. Paris.

Brought with him, from Philadelphia, numerous letters giving an account of his services during the last five years; captured on his way to France and obliged to destroy everything but his recommendation from Congress to the Ministers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 59.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. November 22. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Hoops. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 85.**

From **Messrs. Watson & Carey.** 1781. November 22. Paris.

Congratulate him on the news of the surrender of Cornwallis. Will set out for Nantes to-morrow. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 91.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1781. November 22.

His relationship by marriage to Mr. Laurens; that gentleman's present imprisonment; no provision made for his support; naturally declines pecuniary assistance offered him. Account of Mrs. Laurens's death at Lisle and her bequests to her maid and child; magistrates have refused to suffer the operation of her will, till the Colonel's pleasure is known; has the child with him at present, as well as Mr. H. Laurens, a fine, spirited, honorable young man; knows Franklin will do what is right. A. L. 4 p. **XXIII, 60.**

From **Philip Mazzei.** 1781. November 23. Florence.

Has received no answer to any of his letters since leaving Paris; M. Penet writes that he delivered the papers to Dr. Franklin and asked for M. Mazzei's address in order to send him the money on account of the State of Virginia; does not know if this is true; begs to be enlightened on this point. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 61.**

From **Jean Holker.** 1781. November 23. Paris.

Acknowledging an invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 62.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1781. November 23.

Resolution giving permission to Marquis de la Fayette to return to France and directing the Ministers of the United States to confer with him relative to the situation in America. D. 2 p. (Attested copy.) **LIV, 107.**

From **Henry Boyle,** *et al.* 1781. November 23. Hatherlow.

Five Manchester manufacturers of cotton and other fabrics make a proposal to go to the United States with their families and establish factories, if granted certain conditions. Mem. 3 p. S. **LX, 112.**

From ——— **Franck.** 1781. November 24. Hechingen.

Enclosing a letter to Baron Steuben. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 63.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. November 24. Bordeaux.

Congratulating him on America's decisive successes; enthusiasm at Bordeaux not yet subsided; hopes to set on foot two or three expeditions in virtue of the change the news has made. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 64.**

From **d'Alsace, Prince d'Hénin.** 1781. November 25. Paris.

Introducing a merchant of Nantes who has been defrauded by M. Penet, Agent-General for the State of Virginia; begs Franklin to see justice done. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 65.**

From **Robineau de Beaunoir.** 1781. November 25. Paris.

Invitation to Franklin from his brother Masons of the Lodge to attend a Te Deum with them on the following day, and be present afterwards at a reception, discourse, banquet and concert at the Royal Lodge. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 66.**

From ——— **D'herimez.** 1781. November 26. Ath.

Congratulating him on the surrender of Cornwallis; Franklin the rocky base of this happy revolution, against which tyranny will one day shatter itself. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 67.**

From **Mme. de Saint Wast.** 1781. November 26. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to dine with her. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 68.**

From **Comte de la Luzerne.** 1781. November 26. Paris.

Enclosing a letter for his brother in America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 69.**

From **J[ean] L[ouis] de Solme.** 1781. November 26. Paris.

Sends the plans of the periodical paper he is preparing to publish; came to Paris to procure its admission in France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 70.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] November 26. Nice.

Reflections on her travels and their influence on her mind and character. Narration of a trip on sea in a fishing boat to visit a Spanish frigate which had put into Villefranche. Encloses a memorandum by M. Breton on the possibilities of trade between Marseilles and the United States. Recommends M. Breton as a correspondent or agent at Marseilles in case the United States needs one. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 43.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. November 26. Amsterdam.

Proposed Treaty of Alliance between France, Holland and the United States. Congratulations on the surrender of Cornwallis. Disposition of the Continental goods. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 71.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 95).

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** [1781. November 26(?).]

Inquires on what day Franklin has promised to dine at Mme. de St. Wast's. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 84b.**

From **Macé de Vaudoré.** 1781. November 27. Nantes.

Concerning a memoir by Mr. Villiam, to obtain the commission of Captain on his return to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 72.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1781. November 27. Nantes.

The loss of two bills drawn on Franklin; stops payment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 73.**

From **Moses Young.** 1781. November 27. Nantes.

The treatment of Mr. [Henry] Laurens. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXIII, 74.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. November 27. Paris.

Hopes the late glorious event will soon bring peace; their dear friend [the Dowager Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] is still supremely happy; her son has arrived in good health, a trifle brown, but only from the shadow of the laurels he carries. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 75.**

From **Comte de Charlus.** 1781. November 27. Paris.

Has just arrived from America; sends three packets entrusted to his care by General Washington; all impatience to see Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 76.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. November 27. Nantes.

Capt. All, who rejoiced at the opportunity to confound malicious tongues, sends a newspaper showing the inhuman conduct of Lord Rawdon, now a prisoner in Paris; thinks the French ought to know what a butcher he is. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 86.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** 1781. November 28. Paris.

Accepting invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIII, 77.**

From ——— **Birckel.** 1781. November 28. Strasbourg.

Incoherent remarks about a French regiment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 78.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1781. November 29. Paris.

Their excellent "Dowager" [Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] desires Franklin to dine with her on Saturday; he will meet various persons who respect and love him, and above all, the brave Count William, who will talk to him of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 79.**

From **Chevalier Dubuysson.** 1781. November 29. Versailles.

Personages who have spoken in his favor; all of the opinion that if Franklin endorses their request, it will go through; honors conferred upon him by Congress, and wounds received in their service justify his demands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 80.**

From **Les Abbés de Chalut et Arnoux.** 1781. November 29. Paris.

Asking for a copy of Gen. Washington's letter, as well as any details of Cornwallis's surrender. Anticipate meeting Franklin at dinner the following Saturday at M. de Chalut's; if Franklin can persuade Dr. Bancroft to be of the party, it will give them all great pleasure. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 81.**

From **[Jacques Christoph] Valmont de Bomare.**
1781. November 30. Paris.

Gives his opening lecture the following day at eleven; invites Franklin to be present. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 84.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. November 30. Bordeaux.

Has contracted for a small brig the "Yorktown" to be sent off with all despatch to Philadelphia; desires a passport for her. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 85.**

From **Le Bègue de Presle.** 1781. November 30. Paris.

Congratulating Franklin on the successes of the United States. Will forward Dr. Priestley's new volume to the Duc de la Rochefoucauld. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 86.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.**
[1781. November.] Thursday. Chateau de Chaumont.

His delay in returning to Paris due to the impossibility of procuring a place in any of the public conveyances for Paris; may be obliged to go to the expense of a cabriolet. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 135.**

From **[Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1781. November ?] Paris.

Anxious to wait upon him with Mme. Le Roy to congratulate him on the happy event at York. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 160.**

From **Nath[anie]l Nazro.** 1781. November. Mill Prison, Plymouth.

Account of his services in the American army, his entering into her navy and his capture by the English; the uncommon distress experienced by prisoners in England; begs Franklin to procure his exchange. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 87.**

From **Chevalier Dubuysson.** 1781. December 1. Paris.

Sends the memoir which Franklin promised to remit to the Marquis de Ségur; M. le Duc D'ayen and le Prince de Poix join with him in begging Franklin's acquiescence to his demands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 88.**

From **[Capt.] John Landers, and [Lieut.] Robert Willcocks.** 1781. December 1. Havre-de-Grace.

Account of their imprisonment in England, their exchange, and arrival in France; lies told about them by the French officers; their present miserable confinement; ignorant of their crime; beg Franklin to release them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 89.**

From **M. and Mme. Lafreté.** 1781. December 1. Paris.

Congratulations on the successes of the American arms; desire him to celebrate the event by dining with them on the 3d, in company with Mesdames des Deux Ponts and M. le Comte Guillaume. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 90.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. December 1. Amsterdam.

Discusses the disposition of the Continental goods detained at Amsterdam. Much pleased with Franklin's reflections on the glorious news; few military plans ever better laid or executed; believes in a land war America could defend herself against the world. Asks whereabouts of the Comte de Grasse. Concerning the distressing situation of Mr. Laurens; has ventured to promise £100 for him; pathetic letter received from his daughter; referred her to Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 91.**

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1781. December 1. Cüstrin.

Encloses a letter for his son, General von Steuben; report is current that both feet of the General have been shot off. Is this true? L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 79.**

From **[Mme.] Jeanne Dubois.** 1781. December 1. Saint Brieuc.

Applies again to Franklin to obtain the money due her from the ship "Le Capitaine Jaune." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 92.**

From **Benjamin Golden.** 1781. December 2. Forton Prison, Portsmouth.

Five years' service in the American cause; is in the direst need of every necessity; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 94.**

From ——— **Dubosc.** 1781. December 4. Ostend.

Embarked as ship's doctor on a vessel bound for St. Domingo; captured by the English; imprisoned at Liverpool; finally released on condition of leaving the country; desires Franklin to assist him to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) **XXIII, 95.**

From **St. Jean de Crevecoeur.** 1781. December 5. Caën.

Congratulations as a loyal American and a good Frenchman on Gen. Washington's victory in Virginia. The five Americans who escaped from England the summer before have been happily embarked at Nantes for Newburyport, Mass. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 98.**

From [**Charles Eugène Gabriel de la Croix, Marquis**] **de Castries.** [*Circa* 1781.] December 5. Versailles.

Acknowledging the packet sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 212.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** 1781. December 6. Versailles.

Two months ago they returned the print of the Queen of Hungary's tomb; beg that they may be reassured as to Franklin's health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 99.**

From **Stockar zur Sonnenburg.** 1781. December 6. Schaffhausen.

Wishes Franklin's opinion of l'Abbé Raynal's History of the American Revolution; desires to translate it into German if it is written with intelligence and impartiality. Thinks France has been the support and bulwark of all the republics—Holland, Switzerland and America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 100.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. December 6. Amsterdam.

M. de Neufville's opinion of the proposals made him; question of accepting bills for large amounts drawn on Mr. Laurens. The States-General have unanimously guaranteed the five millions; will now demand an answer to his former memorial regarding a triple or quadruple alliance. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 101.**

From **A**[**melia**] **Barry.** 1781. December 7. Pisa.

Franklin's mind too extensive to be entirely absorbed in public affairs; dares to hope that the woes of his Amelia will be listened to; her husband dead; left with four small children and expecting a fifth; nothing to support them; begs that the proceeds from the sale of the map and pamphlets be sent her; has written in vain to Governor Pownall and Mr. [John] Almon. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) **XXIII, 102.**

From **Thomas Butley.** 1781. December 7. Havre-de-Grace.

An American sailor imprisoned in France; begs for speedy release. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 103.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. December 7. Amsterdam.

Concerning the vessels disappointed of Commodore Gillon's convoy; no shadow of blame can be laid against them in the matter, and if Franklin had refused to pay the bills it would have been a violation of all public faith; Mr. Gillon's breach of faith after borrowing large sums from them, and his false representations; the Directors and Captains of the ships are the people who should be questioned. L. S. 6 p. **XXIII, 104.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1781. December 7. The Hague.

Resolution adopted in favor of the loan of five million florins. Instructions from Congress received by Mr. Adams, enjoining him to insist upon a reply from Holland to their proposals made the previous spring. His confidential relations with the Pensionaries of three Dutch towns and other distinguished persons. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 218.**

From **J[uliana] Ritchie.** 1781. December 8. Cambray.

Wrote to her husband eight months ago but has received no answer; desires to know if any letter for her has come to Franklin's hands. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 105.**

From ——— **De Corny.** 1781. December 8. Paris.

Intends to call with the deputy of the Company at Metz who furnished Mr. Robert Morris with clothing for the United States; encloses the Company's new memorial (4 p.); hopes Franklin will obtain from the Ministry more favorable conditions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 106.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. December 8. Amsterdam.

Encloses a translation of Mr. Van Arp's letter showing that the ships' Directors are the only persons answerable for the goods loaded on board the Dutch vessels; will do anything in their power to show their disinterestedness and sincerity but no blame attaches to them nor is there any reason why Franklin should refuse the payment of their bills. A. L. S. 4 p. (Copy.) **XXIII, 107.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. December 8. Amsterdam.

Desires Franklin's directions concerning the bills drawn upon Mr. Laurens; improbable that any other bills will be drawn upon himself or anyone else in that department. Thinks that de Neufville & Son's bills should be paid at the expiration of their time, as otherwise it will be fatal to their house and a blot upon American affairs; de Neufville is not the ruling power in the concern, but has done all he can and is not responsible. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 108.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1781. December 8. Vienna.

Languishing for a word in reply to his last five letters; a volume of opuscula on various philosophical subjects kept back for Franklin's sanction; on receipt of Franklin's answer, will send the whole collection to M. Le Bègue de Presle to be printed. Account of two curious experiments, one the production of a certain kind of clear smoke, the other a manner of setting fire to a metal wire. His ignorance of the business enterprise he engaged in with Mr. Wharton, Dr. Bancroft and Mr. Coffyn. Trusts the Peace Conference has been successful; hopes his countrymen will take revenge upon the barbarous English. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 109.**

From **John Trumbull.** 1781. December 8. Bilbao.

Offers congratulations on the capture of Cornwallis and the flattering situation of affairs in America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 110.**

From **Count de Benyowsky.** 1781. December 9. Paris.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to forward him the promised letters of recommendation, as he is about to start on his journey. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 24.**

From **Caroline Edes.** 1781. December 9. Versailles.

Fearing Franklin may not know how to direct an answer to her letter of the day before, sends her address. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 111.**

From ——— **Gotthier.** 1781. December 10. Schlettstadt.

Burning with a desire to live in the United States; dedicates to Franklin the small poem adjoined. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 112.**

From **David S[alisbury] Franks.** 1781. December 10. Brest.

Much insulted at the treatment he has received from Mr. Hector and the Major de Place of Brest; has been twice arrested and is at present a prisoner writing with a sergeant at his back; begs that the Marquis de Castries be asked to write to this Hector, who is in possession of his commission, passport, letters of credit and of recommendation, with Mr. W. T. Franklin's last letter ordering him to Brest. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 113.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. December 10. Amsterdam.

Asked Messrs. Van Arp & Co., Directors of the "Aurora" and "Liberty" to make some demand for the pretended damages; in reply they demanded 60,000 francs; Mr. [John] Adams's opinion; they approve of Franklin's resolution to have the matter settled by arbitration. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 116.**

From **Benjamin Putnam.** 1781. December 10. Boston.

Perceives that M. Gérard's absence has prevented any knowledge being obtained relative to his affair with Comte d'Arbaud. Has discovered a mistake of the Notary Public at Guadeloupe, concerning the name of the commanding officer who so rudely interfered in the affair of the prize, "Terrible"; gives the authentic names of the commanders of the frigates. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 114.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1781. December 10. Paris.

Enclosing Mr. Williams's letter; begs that Mr. Clement be spoken to in regard to it and that his answer be transmitted as soon as possible as the affair is pressing. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 115.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] December 11. Nice.

Is angry with him, he captures a whole army in America, burgoynes Cornwallis, takes cannons and vessels, munitions, men, etc., and the Gazette alone announces the news to his friends, whilst he gives no sign of life. He must feel twenty years younger because of this good news which should bring a lasting peace after glorious war. Shall remain angry with him until she hears from him; in the meantime shall compose a triumphal march for him and shall send it to him, write him, and even love him with all her heart. A. L. 2 p. (In French.)

XLIII, 44.

Printed in Proc. of Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 107 and also in Putnam's Monthly, Oct., 1906, 39.

From ——— **Grand, l'ainé.** 1781. December 12. Paris.

Begs that he will write at the bottom of the enclosed summary everything he knows about Major Franks, and what he thinks that officer has done with the carriage so obligingly lent him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 118.**

From **Jno. Vaughan.** 1781. December 13. Cadiz.

Desires to settle in Philadelphia, the future home of arts and government; asks for advice and letters of recommendation. Through Mr. Carmichael, has heard the news of the capture of Cornwallis and his army; hopes it will hasten the proceedings of the dilatory Spanish Court; this victory together with the later one of General [Nathanael] Greene against the Charlestown garrison, has entirely freed the Southern Colonies from their long sufferings. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 119.**

From ——— ———. 1781. December 14. Nantes.

Sending two little works in verse which were published at Nantes during the celebration there of the birth of the Dauphin. Requests Franklin to present them to Mme. la Marquise de la Fayette. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 47.**

From [**Madame**] **de St. Auban.** 1781. December 15. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promises to dine with them. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 120.**

From [**Mme. Espivent**] **de Marcel.** 1781. December 15. Savenay.

Is the sister of M. de la Villeboisnet; begs his influence for her son who wants to be a midshipman. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 121.**

From **Comte d'Estaing.** 1781. December 16. Paris.

Expects to dine with Franklin at Madame des Deux-Ponts's; offers him seats in his box at the "Comédie Française" for the same day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 122.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. December 16. Amsterdam.

Letters received from Mr. Dana, who has been politely treated by the Marquis de Vérac; when he wrote, had not yet communicated his

mission to the Russian Ministry; his opinion of Dutch policy not raised by his journey to the North; great respect for the Dutch Minister at Petersburg; speaks prudently of the Prince de Potemkin, the Comte de Panin and the Comte d'Ostermann. Considers the last speech of the King of England rather inflammatory; his admiration for the art and address with which England manages Holland and some of the Northern powers; Lord Stormont's acceptance of Russia's mediation between England and Holland, a masterpiece of its matchless effrontery. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 123.**

From ——— **de Vernier.** 1781. December 16. Versailles.

Concerning le Sieur Vernié who entered the service of the United States in 1777 and has lately been reported killed. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 123½.**

From **Eleazer Dorlay.** 1781. December 17. Mill Prison.

Was gunner on the Continental ship, "Confederacy" when she was captured; his present cruel confinement; begs Franklin to procure his exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 124.**

From ——— **Suavelier.** 1781. December 17. Caen.

Assistance he has rendered Americans escaped from English prisons. Desires the position of Consul-General for the United States in Basse Normandie; sure that M. St. John de Crevecoeur would endorse this appointment. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 125.**

From **Baronne de Seckendorff (née Comtesse de Gronsfeld).** 1781. December 18. Obernzenn.

Her son a lieutenant in the regiment of Anhault; desires to serve in the American Army. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 126.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1781. December 18. Nantes.

Concerning his appointment as Deputy-Consul of his district which Mr. Barclay is willing to authorize; reasons why he would like it. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 87.**

From ——— **Stourny.** 1781. December 19. Belfort.

His fortune not adequate to support a family of five children; if the United States will provide him with a comfortable position, will devote himself to their service. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXIII, 127.

From **John Thayer.** 1781. December 20. Paris.

Account of Franklin's perfect benevolence not one whit exaggerated; has experienced it himself; expresses the most enthusiastic gratitude. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 128.**

From **David S[alisbury] Franks.** 1781. December 20. Brest.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Jay, which advises his return to Spain, and his departure from that country to America; desires Franklin's opinion; is persuaded Mr. Jay has something of consequence to send to the Congress and wishes a trustworthy messenger. Complains of his treatment by the commandant; believes M. and Madame Deseitre, persons of infamous character, are at the bottom of it; the lady has imposed upon Mr. Hancock of Boston and consequently on several respectable people in Brest. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 129.**

From **L'Accademia di Scienze, Lettre, ed Arti, di Padova.** 1781. December 20. Padua.

Certificate of membership. **Portfolio.**

From ——— **de Bouvinghausen.** 1781. December 20. Stuttgart.

Sending a second letter for General de Steuben, which he begs Franklin to guard until the Baron's arrival in Paris, if the report be true that he arrives in January. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 130.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1781. December 20. Bordeaux.

Enclosing the form of passport granted by Franklin and desiring him to make any alterations which he may judge proper in virtue of recent changes; inclination shown by their merchants to unite in commercial interest with the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 131.**

From **John Angus.** 1781. December 21. L'Orient.

His return after being captured in the brig "Franklin"; has not taken command of the brig "Antonia"; this vessel being American property, begs for a commission and letter of marque. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXIII, 132.

From **Jacob Pope and prisoners.** 1781. December 21. Spithead, on board H. M.'s prison ship, "Diligent."

Begging their exchange; in all about sixty or seventy prisoners, who were captured in the West Indies, and sent to England. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXIII, 133.

From **Rob[er]t Willcocks.** 1781. December 21. Havre-de-Grace.

Requesting that he and his lieutenant be set at liberty, or at least informed of the nature of their crime. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 134.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1781. December 21. London.

Has acquainted Mr. [Samuel?] Vaughan with directions concerning Mr. [Henry] Laurens's support. Succeeded in removing Mr. Gouverneur to better quarters. Need of a further remittance by the beginning of January; nearly eight hundred prisoners in all; question of procuring a speedy exchange. Comparison of the circumstances of Lord Cornwallis and Gen. Burgoyne; the Ministers' predilection for the former. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIII, 135.**

From **Caroline Edes.** 1781. December 22. Versailles.

Did not receive Franklin's favor of the 10th inst. until too late to wait upon him. Encloses Mr. Bridgen's letter. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXIII, 117.

From [**Jean Pierre**] **Brissot de Warville.** 1781. December 22. Paris.

Project on a work on legislation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXIII, 136.

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 114).

From ——— **Clémemderin.** [*Circa* 1781.] December 22.

Sending him a memoir concerning an affair of consequence to every French corsair. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 24.**

From **David S[alisbury] Franks.** 1781. December 23. Brest.

Denies that the lack of consideration shown him was due to any indiscretion on his part; before this time, has always been treated by the French with the greatest politeness. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIII, 137.**

From **Detouches de Varenne.** 1781. December 24. Toulouse.

Desires to know whether he can rely upon facts stated in the "Brief Account of the American-English Revolution from 1774 to 1778" by an American; needs only Franklin's endorsement to continue the work he has projected; mentions the principal statements the veracity of which he desires to ascertain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 138.**

From **Comte [Maurice-Auguste] de Benyowsky.**
1781. December 24. Passy.

Sending the first part of his memoirs, and the journal of his voyage to Kamchatka; promises to forward the rest of his memoirs and his journal of Madagascar. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 139.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1781. December 24. Amsterdam.

The owners of the two vessels, who have the clothing belonging to the United States, have agreed to deliver it upon the conditions enumerated. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 140.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. December 24. Amsterdam.

Terms and conditions made with the owners of the ships who have agreed to deliver the goods to Mr. Adams; they will pay the owners and Franklin can reimburse them. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 141.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] December 25. Nice.

Enjoys Franklin's pleasantries in what he calls his bad French. Thinks much better of his French than he does himself. Wants him to write often. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 45.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, October, 1906, 41.

From **Louis Sazerac l'ainé and fils.**
1781. December 25. Angouleme.

According to orders received from Mr. Bondfield, sent Franklin a turkey stuffed with truffles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXIII, 142.

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1781. December 25. London.

Introducing Mr. Henry Wild, a prudent man who has a scheme to lay before Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 143.**

From [**James**] **Searle.** 1781. December 26. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to send him an introductory line to the Marquis de Castries. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIII, 144.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1781. December 27. Amsterdam.

Confirming their former statement that the Continental goods are now at the disposal of the Hon. Tho[ma]s Barclay and His Excellency, Mr. Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 145.**

From **Benj[amin] Webb.** 1781. December 27. Pent.

Pays his respects to Franklin. Has been with his eldest boy in Switzerland; his wife an invalid; is visiting Mr. [Robert] Pigott. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 146.**

From ——— **Vinfrais.** 1781. December 27. Villejuif.

Asking for leave of absence for Jean Pierre Le Duc at present in the service of South Carolina, who received two wounds as mentioned in the enclosed certificates. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 146½.**

From **John Adams.** 1781. December 28. Amsterdam.

Introducing Mr. William Cheever, of Boston, who expects to spend some time in France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIII, 147.**

From **Jean François Richard.** 1781. December 28. Paris.

Apology for not informing Franklin earlier of the loss of the "Alexander," a prize made by the "Indian" now called "South Carolina"; owing to his wounds and lack of money, was obliged to rest some time at Dunkirk. Hopes to wait on Franklin shortly and ask his kindness on behalf of certain American prisoners, whose names he mentions as having fought with singular courage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 148.**

From **Jean B[aptist]e A. Feray.** 1781. December 28. Havre.

Applies to the United States Congress and to Dr. Franklin to be appointed Consul for the United States at Havre. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 32 (1 and 2).**

From **H. Adolphe Hoffmeister.** 1781. December 29. Heidelberg.

Franklin's kindness to his brother-in-law and to himself. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 149.**

From ——— **Epidorge.** 1781. December 29. Dunkirk.

Begging his influence on behalf of Captain Conyngham's crew who, since 1777, have awaited not only their wages but part of their prize-money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 150.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1781. December 29. Dunkirk.

Account of money paid to Col. William Richardson and sundry prisoners arrived from England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIII, 151.**

From **S[imon] Berard.** 1781. December 31. Paris.

Sending the enclosed from Capt. John Angus and endorsing his request for a commission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 152.**

From **Mme. de Chaumont.** 1781. December 31. Chaumont.

Wishing him a happy New Year and many of them; congratulates him on the surrender of Cornwallis. Her affection and admiration for Franklin and her friendship for his grandson. **XXIII, 153.**

From [**Abbesse**] **Marie du St. Esprit.**

1781. December 31 (?). Paris, à l'Ave Maria.

Sending him all good wishes and acknowledging his past kindness with gratitude. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIII, 154.**

From ——— ———. 1781. December 31. Madrid.

Mr. J. has called to see him; said he was disappointed at not hearing from Franklin, as he expected both advice and financial help from him. Mr. J. seems to be in need of money, he still owes the writer 30,000 piastres. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 48.**

From **M. Brillon,** *et al.* [1781. December.]

A serio-comic address sent to Dr. Franklin from Nice by the Brillon family and a few mutual friends on the occasion of the New Year. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LVI, 79.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, December, 1906, 316.

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

Returns papers taken by mistake from Dr. Franklin's office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 71.**

From **Jean Bart.** [1781.]

Formerly of the Continental brig "Lexington"; petitions for wages and prize money due him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 100.**

From ——— **Le Breton.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

Enclosing a letter from M. Peuch, proprietor of the Utrecht Gazette, and offering to forward Franklin's reply. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 89.**

From **M. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] Friday.

Sends a letter which he has just received from M. Didelot "Fermier-Général" recommending M. Gellée who was about to depart for America. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 118.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] Friday 10th.

Requesting letters of introduction for M. Dillion des Gayères who was leaving for America to take charge of food supplies for the troops. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 49.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Cannot take breakfast with him. Is still weak and much affected by the disaster which has happened to the Bouffé house. The ladies of that house were her friends. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 79.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.]

Has been very seriously ill. Will not be able to go to see Franklin for a long time. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 80.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] Thursday. Passy.
Promises to dine with Franklin. Thanks him and his son for their kind attention when she was ill. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 55.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] Monday. La Thuillerie.
Invites Franklin to spend a few days with her and her mother at their country place. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 50.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] La Thuillerie.
Believes in being punctual and faithful with friends even in small matters. Is leading a quiet, uniform life in the country. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 37.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] 11th. La Thuillerie.
Last letter she will write to Franklin from this place. Returns to Passy next Monday. Is often dissatisfied with her own letters; do not fully express her sentiments. Will continue, however, to write them to Franklin who should soon have a volume of them. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 41.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] 13th. La Thuillerie.
Will return to Passy on the 21st. Hopes to see Franklin every Wednesday and Saturday evening at tea with her usual guests, Le Veillard, Abbé de la Roche and Abbé Morellet, Mme. Grand and her niece, M. Grand and M. Pagin. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 33.**
Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 105 and in Putnam's Monthly, Oct., 1906, 38.

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.]
Has been very ill with a nervous trouble. Did not receive visitors, but sorry they did not make an exception in his case. Asks him to call to see her as soon as possible. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 31b.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781. June?] 13. La Thuillerie.
Complains of Franklin's forgetfulness of her. Has learned that he was at the opera on the day the building was burned down. How uncertain is life and by what a slender thread it hangs. Without the sweets of friendship, life would not be worth living. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 39.**
Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 170.

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] Thursday 7th. Passy.

Has been ill for 69 days. Asks Franklin to write to her if he cannot call to see her. Hopes Franklin will find her letters easier to read than formerly, as she now writes in a larger hand on his son's advice. If she were a journalist Franklin's works in French would soon be published. Is afraid her husband may steal some of the droll stories which she is collecting for Franklin's amusement and tell them himself. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 82.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] Wednesday morning. L'Arbalestre.

Referring to a day spent by Franklin with them at the above place. Does not like the idea of making a long journey the coming winter for the benefit of her health. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 88.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] Saturday morning.

Sends Franklin the music he has asked for. The idea of his approaching departure from France seems like a painful dream to her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 105.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1781.] Monday.

Feels it almost as hard to go to Paris and leave Franklin as to go to Nice. Will go to see him sometimes and hopes he will be able to come to see her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 114.**

From ——— **Decambray.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

Applying for the position of Secretary to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLI, 11.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Returning the "Gazette of Amsterdam" and request him to send them the letter of recommendation for M. Louis Jolly. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 49.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1781?]

Begging Franklin to write at once to the Count de Vergennes, requesting an escort for the vessel, the "Marquis de la Fayette." L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 34.**

From **M. Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1781.]

Account of "interventions" in [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s drafts. A. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LIV, 125 (2 and 4).**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1781?]

Claim for freight due to his vessel the "Marquis de la Fayette" chartered by Franklin. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 66.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Advises Franklin to postpone his ball to another time because of the bad news about the French and Spanish fleets. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 96.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Requests him to notify Mr. Andrew Patton to go on board a vessel at Rouen bound for Cadiz and to give him a commission from Congress to engage in privateering against the English. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 56.**

From **The Comtesse de Chinon.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Inviting Franklin to the ball to be given in her honor by M. and Mme. la Maréchale de Richelieu. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 155.**

From **Prof. Deshautesrayes.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Inquires if Dr. Franklin has remitted to Favier the price of the 11 volumes of the History of China. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 80b.**

From **Comtesse Dillon.** [*Circa* 1781.] Versailles.

Sending him a packet for America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 48.**

From **The "Gazetteer."** [*Circa* 1781.]

Sends Franklin copy of a letter which was written by a great King's Minister. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 99.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Thanks him for restoring her to life and hope. Is not yet strong enough to go to see him. Will be the first trip she will take. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 177.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Thanks him for his letter and news contained therein. Hopes to see him at dinner on Wednesday. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 179.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Requests him to loan her his carriage for a day as her own is broken. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 180.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Asks him for news about Chevalier de Chastellux, her intimate friend, who was reported in the "Courier de l'Europe" to have been killed in an engagement. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 181.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Wishes to have a few minutes' conversation with him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 182.**

From **Comtesse** [de] **G**[olofkin. 1781?]

Is again anxious and uneasy after hearing about a battle between Rochambeau's troops and those under General Clinton. Asks for a true account of the affair. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 183.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Asking him to loan her a French-English dictionary. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 186.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [1781?]

Baron de Blome has just called at her house and told her the good news brought by Mr. [John] Laurens about the surrender of Cornwallis. Asks Franklin to lend her, for a few minutes, the map showing how Cornwallis was surrounded. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 189.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Expects to see Franklin on Sunday. Will, however, call before then and let him know the contents of letters received by her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 190.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Thanks him for sending her news about her friend. Would like to see Franklin soon and dine with him. Would have written to him in English but is not yet sufficiently proficient. Mme. De Tonnerre is in a serious condition, her life is despaired of. Returns the German papers. Will send tickets for theatre soon to Franklin's grandson. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 192.**

From [**Countess de Golofkin.** *Circa* 1781.]

Requesting Franklin to lend her the collection of romances by J. J. Rousseau and offers to procure for him a copy of Abbé Raynal's work. N. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 62a and b.**

From [**Countess de Golofkin.** *Circa* 1781.]

Inquiring about Franklin's health. Will go to see him as soon as she recovers from a severe cold. Saw a few days ago a relative of J. J. Rousseau's who came from Bassora. Is a noted traveler and linguist. Describes his extraordinary costume. Recalls her singing of "Dieu d'amour" for Franklin. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 63a.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** [*Circa* 1781.] Tuesday. Paris.

Sending two certificates to prevent the payment of certain bills. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 208.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** [1781?] Paris.

Concerning the Holland loan. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 189.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Recommending M. de La Flotte who is going to America as adjutant to Count de Wickenstein. M. de La Flotte's father holds an important position in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has rendered many services to the United States. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 279.**

From [**Sir George**] **Grand.** [1781?]

Advises transferring M. Boux, who does nothing at Nantes although in the States' service, to Amsterdam where he would be more useful in forwarding the construction of the "Indian." On their apprehension of

fire being set to this ship, he has written to have four men put on board to watch her night and day; if this precaution is not sufficient, advises getting her insured against fire which would cost about two thousand florins. Prudence seems to require this sacrifice. Asks his approbation on this head. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XLII, 211.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** [*Circa* 1781.] Sunday. Sanois.

Her own grief, and that of all their Society, at Franklin's inability to be with them the following day; begs him to name his own time for coming to Sanois and planting a tree in her garden. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 123.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** [*Circa* 1781.] Tuesday morning. Sannois.

Asking him to fix a day to spend at her country place before her departure. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 196.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Will not have any music or be able to receive Franklin to-day on account of the illness of her brother. Will call for Franklin as soon as possible thereafter. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 274b.**

From **Major [William] Jackson.** [1781?] Monday noon.

If Franklin approves of the enclosed letter to Gen. [Henry] Knox, it will be sent by the next post. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 192.**

From **Mme. Lafargue.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Was employed as a cook by Franklin, presents a claim for a sum of money due to her. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 60.**

From **John Laurens.** [1781.]

Will have to devote the afternoon to preparing the memorial for to-morrow. Requests Franklin to make his excuses to M. Chalut. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXX, 130a.**

From **John Laurens.** [1781.] Paris.

Sending him a book and an unsigned letter from R[alph] Izard. Begs Franklin to appoint an hour when he may receive his commands for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 171.**

From **John Laurens.** [1781. Paris?]

Sending Franklin the estimate of the Board of War with the prices. Cannot dine with him Sunday, that being the day the Count de Vergennes has appointed for his taking leave. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 178.**

From [**John**] **Laurens.** [1781.] Friday evening.

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dine with him on Tuesday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 205.**

From **Stephen Lee.** [*Circa* 1781.] Dinan.

A young Irishman taken prisoner by the Brest fleet on his way to Jamaica; begs Franklin to procure his liberty and passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 123.**

From ——— **Le Rouge.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Concerning a map of the two Carolinas and Georgia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 67.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1781.] Paris.

Expects to see Franklin Sunday and make up for past neglect. Congratulating him on his seventy-five years. Messages for M. Ingen Housz. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 174.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1781?]

Has received the Gazette sent by Franklin. Had invited him to the "Te Deum" celebration for the birth of the Dauphin. Learns since that it is to be at an earlier hour and preceded by a Mass. Thinks Franklin will not care to attend the ceremony. Asks if Franklin can give him another copy of Mesmer's book. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 144.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Invites him to M. D'arcy's house to try M. Belton's gun. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 154.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Introducing M. Fresnel who wishes to know the present value of some paper money issued by Congress. Inquires if he knows a Mr. Iry, of Boston. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 161.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1781?]

Inquiring of Franklin about the reported success of Gen. [Nathanael] Greene in North Carolina. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 41.**

From "**La petite femme de poche**" [**Mme. Le Roy.** *Circa* 1781.]

The Count and Countess de Maillebois are to dine with her and she has promised that Franklin will come also. Requests him and his grandson to accept her invitation. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 66.**

From **L[ou]is Lestarjette.** [*Circa* 1781.]

A resident of Charlestown, S. C., who came to France with Capt. Cochran; offers his services to Dr. Franklin as Secretary; is well versed in French as he was for eight years in the College of the Four Nations at Paris. Captain Cochran and himself married two sisters in South Carolina. Came over to serve the province in doing the affairs of the vessel, and explaining to the French merchants the needs of their trade and the manufacturing the different goods proper for their country, and has fulfilled his mission. Speaks and writes the French language fluently. Mr. Deane is conversant with his abilities. Would sacrifice his many enjoyments in life to be attached to so illustrious a gentleman engaged in so noble a cause, and whom the whole world admires. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 61.**

From **The Secretary** *to* **Louis XVI.** [1781.]

The Queen gave birth to a Prince yesterday evening, to whom the King has given the title of Duke of Normandy. Reception to-morrow at Versailles. A. N. S. M. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 234(4).**

From **Mrs.** [**Dorcas**] **Montgomery.** [*Circa* 1781.] Monday.

Thanking him for his attentions. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 208.**

From **Abbé Morellet.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Three months since he has had the pleasure of seeing Franklin or the Lady of Auteuil [Mme. Helvétius]; would like to be with them all the time. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 91.**

From **Abbé Morellet.** [*Circa* 1781.] Sunday. Auteuil.

Regretting that Mme. Helvétius cannot be at home to receive the Misses Alexander; her suggestion for a meeting at Franklin's house. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 94.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 86.

From **Abbé Morellet.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Arranging that his sister, niece and M. Marmontel may visit Franklin Sunday morning before dinner with Mme. Helvétius. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 95.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, I, 86.

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [1781. Amsterdam.]

Form of agreement for authorizing John de Neufville & Son of Amsterdam to float a loan of two million guldens for the United States and stipulating the terms of said loan. Dr. of D. 6 p. **LVI(i), 28(1).**

See Diplom. Corresp. of Am. Rev., Wharton, V, 46.

From **John de Neufville & Son.** [1781. Amsterdam.]

Conditions of the loan of two million florins to be made by Jean de Neufville and fils, merchants at Amsterdam, to the United States of America. Mem. 5 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 28(2).**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** [*Circa* 1781.] Versailles.

Presumes that Franklin is ill, perhaps intentionally, as he is not to be seen now when all Paris wishes to acclaim him. Sends some verses suggested to him by the circumstance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 201.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** [*Circa* 1781.] Versailles.

Was absent on business when Franklin called to see him. Asks Franklin to let him know what day he can come and take dinner with him and family. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 203.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Sending a notice about an allegorical engraving, the original drawing of which he presented to the Queen. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 12.**

From **Michel Paquin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Is a convict at Brest; petitions Franklin to obtain his release and offers to serve as a cannoneer in the American army. L. 5 p. (In French.) **LVII, 114.**

From **Michel Paquin.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Offers a portfolio, the work of his hands, and asks him to obtain his release from prison to go to America to work in its service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate. In French.) **LXII, 91, 92 and 93.**

From **Abbé Pochard.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

Sending the letter which Franklin promised to forward to America with his despatches. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 140.**

From ——— **Richard.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

A debt due him from Congress; his affairs in Mr. Bingham's hands; begs Franklin's aid in sending his memoir to Congress and writing a letter on his behalf. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 4.**

From ——— **Richard.** [1781?] University of Paris.

Presenting his poem on the birth of the Dauphin; therein will be found the heroes of Boston, especially the famous Washington. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 62.**

From **François Rouelmanne.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Is a convict at Brest; petitions Franklin to obtain his release. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 85.**

From **François Rouelmanne.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Requests Franklin to obtain his release from prison to enter the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In triplicate. In French.) **LXII, 112, 113, and 114.**

From **Sabatier fils & Desprez.** [1781?]

Requesting payment of their account for freight and other charges paid by them on a shipment of clothing, uniforms, etc., made by them to Bordeaux, for account of Congress. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 68.**

From ——— **de St. Hubert.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Has called to see him about an historical work he is writing and in which he wishes to give some particulars about Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **LXXI, 55 and 56.**

From **Jean B. Tournemelle.** [*Circa* 1781.] Paris.

Wishes to go to Boston to work at his trade as gunsmith and furbisher. Begs to be given a free passage. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 115.**

From [**Etienne Francois, Marquis**] **Turgot.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Has already read the work and gave it to M. [Ferdinand] Grand for Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 293.**

From **Comte de Vergennes.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Announcing that the two young Americans can perfectly well live in Boulogne if they are not in the service of the English; no passport needed for Madame Newenham to enter France. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 110.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** [1781? Paris.]

Sending cards of invitation for a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine; will read the eulogy on the famous Dr. Fothergill. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 126.**

From [**Elkanah**] **Watson, Jr.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Notifying Franklin not to pay any drafts purporting to be endorsed by him unless his signature is followed by the mark X·. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 248.**

From ——— ———. [1781?]

Desires a letter of introduction from Franklin to Gov. [John] Hancock, of Massachusetts, for Messrs. Galatheau & Compère who are going with the ship "Marquis de la Fayette" to Boston to bring legal proceedings against a Captain Purien and a certain Marc Lafitte for misusing and embezzling funds entrusted to their care by a merchant of Bordeaux. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 112.**

From **Abbés** [**de**] **Chalut and Arnoux.** [*Circa* 1781.]

With reference to Louis Joli, a merchant of Paris, who has settled at Philadelphia. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 122 and LXX, 50.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1781.]

On the establishment of commercial relations between Flanders and the United States. Diss. 16 p. and 13 p. (In French.)
LXI, 7 and 8.

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1781.]

Request for seeds of different plants and flowers grown in North America. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 40.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1781.]

Describing the condition of the Vicomtesse de Clermont de Tonnere who is dangerously ill. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 59a.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1781.]

The ship "Congress," Capt. [George] Geddes, and brig "[Don] Galvez," Capt. [Silas] Jones, from Havana, brought in a brig bound from the coast of Africa to London, seized as a prize. Will soon trouble him with the condemnation proceedings. N. 2 p. **LXXI, 102a.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1781.]

Has delivered the letter and parcel to Mr. Alexander and sent bundle of books to M. Le Bègue. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 130a.**

From **S[amuel] Cooper Johonnot.** 1782. January 1. Geneva.

Gratitude for Franklin's kindness and good advice; messages to the Brillon family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 1.**

From ——— **Birckel.** 1782. January 1. Strasbourg.

A short disquisition on love of self and love of truth. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 2.**

From [**Pahin Champlain de**] **La Blancherie.** 1782. January 1. Paris.

Requesting his presence at an exhibition of works of art, to be held on the 4th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 3.**

From **J. J. Roi.** 1782. January 1. La Chaux-de-Fonts.

Is a clergyman who desires to go to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 4.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. January 1. Nantes.

New Year's good wishes; understands Mr. [Thomas] Barclay will first speak to him on the question of the Consulship. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 88.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1782. January 2. Dunkirk.

Account of the escape of nine American prisoners from Deal, and their final arrival at Dunkirk; has supplied them with money to defray their expenses to Paris; amount due him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 5.**

From **Henry Wyld.** 1782. January 2. Paris.

Desiring a confidential audience for several wealthy manufacturers who wish to transport their business to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 6.**

From **C. B. E. Cochran.** 1782. January 3. Passy.

Prevented from paying his respects to Franklin by serious illness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 7.**

From **John Adams.** 1782. January 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning two more bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Laurens. Good wishes for the New Year. Reason why the mediation of Russia will not be accepted. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 7½.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. January 4. L'Orient.

Reminding him of his promise to give orders for the release of Capt. [John] Kinnier, in exchange for Capt. [Thomas] Bell; presumes Mr. Schweighauser's death has interrupted the affair; begs that it may be carried through as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 8.**

From [**Le F.**] **Toscano.** 1782. January 6. Paris.

Begs Franklin as a brother Mason to aid him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 9.**

From [**Prof.**] ——— **Embser.** 1782. January 6. Deux-Ponts.

Concerning the Bipontine Edition of the Classics; begs Franklin to become a subscriber. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 10.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 126).

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. January 6. Amsterdam.

Concerning the supplies left by Mr. Gillon; hopes Franklin will approve of his proceedings; exonerates M. de Neufville from all blame. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 11.**

From ——— **Didelot.** 1782. January 6. Paris.

Has invented a powerful liquid which extinguishes fire even when produced by the most inflammable materials; offers to prove this statement. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 12.**

From ——— **Desmaret.** 1782. January 6.

Concerning the difficulty he has experienced in finding a particular kind of paper desired by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 13.**

From **[A Bailiff].** 1782. January 8. Niederselters.

Concerning the estate of Sophie Mengeh, née Mittler. One Theo. Mieger, a tailor in Philadelphia, is entitled to a part of the estate. L. 3 p. **LIX, 13.**

From **M[ary] Stewart.** 1782. January 8. London.

Hopes Franklin has received her brother's work; it has received little or no encouragement in England. Begs his assistance, as she is at present very much distressed. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 15.**

From **William Wilkinson.** 1782. January 8. Brussels.

Forwarding two letters from two of Franklin's friends in England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 16.**

From ——— **de Vernier.** 1782. January 8. Versailles.

Concerning a French officer, named Vernié, killed in the service of the United States; desires certificate of his death with any details known to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 17.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1782. January 8. Nice.

Would like to live always at Nice solely on account of its healthy climate and the beauties of nature to be found there. Likens it to the Garden of Eden or the Elysian Fields. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 46.**

From ——— **Poncet.** 1782. January 9. Paris.

Has six letters for Mr. Bondfield; begs for his address. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 18.**

From **Rob[er]t R. Livingston.** 1782. January 9. Philadelphia.

At the request of the Secretary of War, recommends Capt. de Segond to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 19.**

From ——— **L'Escop.** 1782. January 9. Passy.

Receipted bill for three copying machines. A. D. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 20.**

From ——— **Ollabanes.** 1782. January 9. Longueville.

Desires to become a citizen of the United States; is about to adopt five children whom he will dedicate to the service; desires his expenses paid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 21.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1782. January 10. Amsterdam.

Satisfaction at the particularity with which their bills were accepted; feared more for the credit of the United States than for the injury to themselves. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 22.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. January 11. L'Orient.

Endorsing the request of Captain Angus for a commission; Franklin's refusal would cause great suffering to several important merchants in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 23.**

From **James Moylan.** 1782. January 11. L'Orient.

Endorsing the request for a commission and letter of marque for John Angus of the brig "Antonia"; the nature of the armament and the character of Capt. Angus. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 24.**

From **J. T. Bérard & Co.** 1782. January 11. L'Orient.

Begging Franklin to grant a commission for the brig "Antonia," commanded by Capt. John Angus; this vessel destined for America, laden with a rich cargo; offers to give any guarantees Franklin may desire. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 25.**

From **John Angus.** 1782. January 11. L'Orient.

The brig "Antonia" loaded and ready to sail; detained only for want of a commission from Franklin; begs that it may be sent him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 26.**

From **Caroline Edes.** 1782. January 12. Versailles.

Sending the enclosed, just received from Mr. Bridgen. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 27.**

From **Sam[uel] Rice, Stephen Gregory and Ro. de Crow.** 1782. January 12. Plymouth.

Their miserable confinement; all their little money and clothes go to help those still more destitute; number of men driven by misery to accept service with the English; America charged with treating her citizens like criminals; entreat Franklin to procure their exchange. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 28.**

From **Comte de Benyowsky.** 1782. January 13. Passy.

Ready to depart; determined to merit Franklin's good opinion. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 29.**

From **B[arnabas] Deane.** 1782. January 14. Wethersfield.

Enclosing a letter to be forwarded to his brother. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 30.**

From ——— **de Bargum.** 1782. January 14. Quimperlé.

Is a young Dane who was recommended to Franklin in 1777 and sailed for America; served Congress and worked for Mr. Lee; his capture on the "Alliance," and escape from England; having no letters or passports, was arrested by Mr. Ollivier who promised him a passage to America; since then has heard nothing; begs for aid. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 31.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1782. January 15. Bordeaux.

Requesting a passport for his brig "Yorktown." Hopes the turkey stuffed with truffles proved an acceptable Christmas dish. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 32.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. January 15. London.

Mr. [Henry] Laurens enlarged but not discharged; his ill health with other circumstances determined this step; his departure for Bath. Encloses a statement of account with the prisoners; sorry to have to demand more cash; has not yet been able to procure a reply to his memorial relative to their exchange; thinks if Franklin wrote to the Secretary of State it would bring the matter to an issue. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIV, 33.**

From [**Capt.**] **John Kinnier.** 1782. January 15. Ancenis.

Was informed by Mr. Nesbitt of his possible exchange for Capt. Thomas Bell; is very anxious to obtain his liberty and a passport to Ostend, where he may get a passage home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 34.**

From **Martha Laurens.** 1782. January 16. Vigan.

Thanking Franklin for his efforts to serve her father; at present rejoicing in the news of his liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 35.**

From **Bernard de Bretigney.** 1782. January 16. Paris.

Begging for tidings of his son, le Chevalier de Bretigney, an officer in the American army, from whom he has not received a line for over two years; his son's service and adventures since his departure in June, 1777. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 36.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. January 17. Fort Louis.

Informing Franklin of his safe arrival with the "Alliance"; the Marquis de la Fayette, Vicomte de Noailles and General Duportail among his passengers; his orders are to proceed at once on a cruize till the first of March, when he returns to receive Franklin's despatches; if the French sailors are removed from his crew, it will be out of his power to go to sea. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 37.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1782. January 19. Paris.

Concerning certain money matters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 38.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. January 19. Nantes.

Informing him of the arrival of the brig "Betsey." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 89.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782. January 22. Paris.

Asking permission to see Franklin the following day at twelve. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 39.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1782. January 22. Paris.

Transmitting an extract of his account. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 40.**

From ——— [**de**] **Saint Auban.** 1782. January 23. Paris.

Delights at America's successes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Is sensibly touched by his kind expressions. It is the work of God and the King of France. (In French.)

XXIV, 41.

From ——— **Carié le jeune.** 1782. January 24. Nantes.

Concerning a contract which he wishes drawn up with a certain person in America, to supply him with various articles of merchandise. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 42.**

From [**Miss**] **S. Beckwith.** [*Circa* 1782.] January 25. Philadelphia.

Kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bache; happy in finding that her scheme cannot fail of success; describes Franklin's four grandchildren. A. L. S. 5 p. **XLI, 127.**

From **A. Parke.** 1782. January 25. L'Orient.

Desiring to know if certain persons belonging to the "Alliance" at the time when she helped in the capture of the "Serapis" and "Countess of Scarborough" will receive any of the prize-money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 43.**

From **David S**[**alisbury**] **Franks.** 1782. January 26. L'Orient.

A second letter from Mr. Jay has determined him to set out for Madrid; offering to carry any despatches. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 44.**

From **Jona**[**than**] **Williams,** [**Sr.**]. 1782. January 26. Nantes.

Announcing his safe arrival after a passage of twenty days. Congratulating him on the good news of peace. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 44½.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1782. January 27. Paris.

Introducing M. Dubois, who has something of interest to communicate to Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 45.**

From **Durieux de Beaurepaire.** 1782. January 27. Amiens.

Before accepting certain orders from a Philadelphia firm established at l'Orient, desires to know their reputation and standing. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 46.**

From ——— **Lorinet.** 1782. January 27. Paris.

Concerning his work in medicine. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 47.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1782. January 28. Paris.

Statement of accounts. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 48.**

From **[Comte de] Sarsfield.** 1782. January 28. Paris.

Recommending for a position in the American army, an officer who quitted the service of the Margrave d'Anspach when that Prince supplied England with troops. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 49.**

From ——— **Lorinet.** 1782. January 29. Paris.

Wishes to become a citizen of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 50.**

From **[Comte de] Sarsfield.** 1782. January 30. Paris.

His letter of the 28th inst.; aware of Franklin's attitude towards such requests; hoped this particular case might be treated as an exception; desires an answer that he may show to his friends. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 51.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. January 31. L'Orient.

Difficulty experienced in procuring his full complement of sailors. Expressing his willingness to take over certain public goods. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 52.**

From ——— **Dumouchel.** 1782. January 31. Paris.

Concerning a bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 53.**

From **M. B. Montgolfier.** 1782. January.

Directed a friend at Lyons to send him certain samples of paper. Desires the enclosed letter forwarded to his uncle, head of the Monastery of St. Sulpice at Montreal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 53½.**

From **Chevalier O'Gorman.** 1782. February 1. Paris.

Acknowledging his note; communicated it to the merchants of Nantes who will wait on Franklin shortly. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 54.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1782. February 1. Bordeaux.

Detailed explanation of the use of passports or registers; Franklin mistaken in supposing such applications are made to cover irregular or illicit commerce; encloses copies [2 p.] of the permission granted by the Ministry, according to the forms established in such cases. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 55.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1782.] February 1. Nice.

Has given a note of introduction to a Mr. Delon who came to Nice with Lord Cholmondeley as his companion or preceptor. Probably desires to bring about a meeting between Lord Cholmondeley and Franklin. Particulars about the young Lord and his Mentor. Surmises as to their real object in wishing to meet Franklin. Her health continues to improve. Her husband being no longer under the evil influence of a certain person shows her every kindness and attention. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 48.**

From ——— **Birckel.** 1782. February 1. Strasbourg.

Remarks about the soul. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 56.**

From **L. H. de Bourbon [Prince de Condé].** 1782. February 2. Paris.

Desiring a passport for his grooms who go to England to purchase dogs. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 57.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1782. February 2. Nantes.

Requesting a passport for the brig "Emelia" at Morlaix, commanded by John H. Richard and bound for America; desiring also a permit to ship American sailors wherever found; some sailors taken from them by a Lieut. Gill of the "Alliance"; protests vehemently against such conduct. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 58.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. February 2. Nantes.

Concerning the acceptance of certain bills in which both he and Mr. Bache are concerned. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 91.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. February 2. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter from Capt. John Foster Williams, lately arrived from prison; hopes in consequence of his letter, fifty-three of their poor countrymen may be liberated. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 92.**

From ——— **Cornu.** 1782. February 3. Paris.

Franklin's promise to return him his bill of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 59.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. February 3. Amsterdam.

Concerning the Continental goods left by Mr. Gillon at Amsterdam; contention between Messrs. de Neufville and Van Arp as to the possession of a part of these goods; money needed to send them to America; desires to have a particular sum passed to his account. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIV, 60.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. February 4. L'Orient.

Thanking him for procuring the exchange of Capt. [Thomas] Bell for Capt. [John] Kinnier. Desires information about certain bills drawn by Mr. W[illia]m Trent of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 61.**

From **John Adams.** 1782. February 4. Amsterdam.

Bills drawn on Mr. [Henry] Laurens, which, if Franklin cannot meet, must be protested. His reasons for thinking there will be neither peace nor mediation; probability of the States making a treaty with France and America. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 62.**

From **Sam[uel] Andrews.** 1782. February 4. Paris.

Will wait upon Franklin that afternoon, respecting the letter he spoke of. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 63.**

From ——— **[de] St. Auban.** 1782. February 4. Paris.

Desiring him to dine with them. Sends a memoir (64a, see *infra*) which he could not well refuse to present to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 64.**

By **Emmanuel Pierre De La Plaigne.** [1782. February 4.]

Account of his services to the United States from 1775–1778, when he was captured by the English; his arrival in France; destitute of everything; desires to obtain the salary due him. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 64a.**

From ——— **Laussat.** 1782. February 4. Lagor, near Orthez.

Writes for news of his nephew, who went to Philadelphia at the commencement of the war and entered business with a commercial house there; rumor of his having been assassinated; begs Franklin to ascertain the truth of these reports, and if the young man is dead, to get some friend to look after his effects. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Will write to America and make the inquiries. **XXIV, 66.**

From **Le Chev[alie]r O'Gorman.** 1782. February 4. Paris.

The merchants of Nantes will wait on Franklin on Thursday. Efforts made by his protectors at Court to obtain for him the position of Consul at Charlestown; begs Franklin, when he goes to Court, to use his influence on his behalf. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 67.**

From **Moses Young.** 1782. February 5.

Account of the sum due him by Congress for his services as Secretary to Mr. Henry Laurens; acknowledgment of a part payment by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 68.**

From **[C. W. F.] Dumas.** 1782. February 5. The Hague.

Unable to meet the expenses of a town-house; his wife and daughter have gone to the country while he has taken rooms in town; any

omissions in his correspondence due to worry over this enforced separation from his family. Affairs in Holland; resolution taken by the town of Dort relative to a mediation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIX, 219.

From **J[ohn] Torris.** 1782. February 6. Dunkirk.

Sending a circular (1 p.) of his new business connections. Account of the service rendered the United States by the brave Capt. Macatter, who commanded the "Black Princess"; his capture by the English; all efforts to obtain his release have proved useless; the English insist in regarding him as a traitor; begs Franklin's assistance in obtaining his freedom. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 69.**

From **David F. Barber.** 1782. February 6. Ostend.

Taken prisoner six months before, but made his escape; possessed a few American bills which he forwarded to Franklin for acceptance; Franklin's refusal to decide the matter for twelve days has put him to great inconvenience. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 70.**

From [**Mlle.**] **Defay.** 1782. February 6. Paris.

Will wait on Franklin in a fortnight with the samples of paper. Sent him yesterday two works by a physician [Gastellier] of Gâtinais, as a slight mark of his respect and veneration; his wish to become a member of the Scientific Society of Philadelphia [American Philosophical Society]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 71.**

From **R[osamond] S[argent].**
1782. February 8. Halsted Place, [Eng.].

Entreats his kindness on behalf of three English officers, taken prisoner with Lord Cornwallis; their names are Messrs. Harry Calvert, George and Thomas Scott; if wounded or sick, begs to be allowed to assist and help them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 72.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. February 8. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Grubb, who intends to settle in France and go into business with Mr. Hazlehurst. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 93.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. February 9. Nantes.

Information concerning the shipping of certain goods from Brest. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 94.**

From **John Rucker.** 1782. February 11. L'Orient.

No American vessels at l'Orient and none immediately expected; the "Alliance" sailed on Saturday in company with Capt. Angus. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 74.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1782. February 12. Paris.

Question of transporting the stores to America. In favor of the "Alliance" being allowed the indulgence of a cruise; promise from the Marquis de Castries to let Barry have all the American sailors he can get in any French ports. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXIV, 75.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 15.

From **Henry Wyld.** 1782. February 12.

The company duly appreciative of Franklin's kindness; their determination is firm to emigrate directly; certain privileges which they desire from Congress; wish to know of some trustworthy Captain. Asking if engines used in cutting small screws have been introduced into America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 76.**

From **I. M. von Steuben.** 1782. February 13. Bärwalde, Pomerania.

Has written to his brother, General von Steuben, twice, but received no answer. Requests Franklin to forward enclosed letter. His first letter, dated Dec. 19th, 1780, was in care of Major von Glöden. His second letter was dated Aug. 15th, 1781, in care of Dr. Franklin. Is worried, because he has heard neither from his brother nor from Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 44.**

From **David Barber.** 1782. February 13. Ostend.

Again requesting that his bills of exchange may either be accepted or protested and returned to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 77.**

From [**Pierre**] **Poissonnier.** 1782. February 13.

Desiring Franklin's presence at the "Collège Royal" where he expects to lecture. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 78.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. February 14. Amsterdam.

Has not been able to procure proper conveyances for the Continental supplies; every part of the business has been involved in difficulty, vexation and expense; will come to Paris, if Franklin deems a consultation necessary. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 79.**

From **Beraud de Ciccati.** 1782. February 14. Thann.

Encloses letter for his son in the American service. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 80a.**

From **[C. W. F.] Dumas.** 1782. February 14. The Hague.

Resolution in favor of mediation passed in the States-General. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 220.**

From **Larwood & Van Hassett & Van Suchtelen.** 1782. February 14. Amsterdam.

Certain bills of exchange drawn on Mr. [Henry] Laurens, but through his unfortunate detention in England, not accepted; begs Franklin's influence for their acceptance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 81.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1782. February 14. Nantes.

Again requesting a passport for their brig at Morlaix. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 82.**

From **De Segray & Co.** 1782. February 15. St. Malo.

Have drawn on Franklin for the sum due them for disbursements to twenty-six American seamen. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 83.**

From **Louise Geneviève Du Ponceau.** 1782. February 15. Ile de Ré.

Her unprotected state without father or mother; both her brothers absent; begs Franklin to forward her letters to her brother in Philadelphia and to send any answers to her. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Promising to do what she asks. **XXIV, 84.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1782. February 16.

Their good friend [the Dowager Duchess of Deux-Ponts] desires Franklin and his grandson to dine with her any day the following week.

News received from Cadiz of a victory won by Gen. [Nathanael] Greene over the English at sixty miles from Charleston. The fleet has set sail from Brest. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 85.**

From **Jean Rousseaux.** 1782. February 16. Brest.

Begging for the wages and prize-money due him during his service on board the "Lexington"; his subsequent sufferings in prison; his destitute condition. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 85½.**

From [**Grand de**] **La Chaise.** 1782. February 18. Amsterdam.

Sends Franklin the three periodicals he desired. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 86.**

From ——— **Rougemont.** 1782. February 18. Paris.

Account of a large collection of uniforms, etc., intended for the American army, captured on board a French vessel, and now in London; offers to sell them to Franklin for the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. His orders completed; cannot at present treat for the clothes; believes if the owners would send them to America, they might sell them to advantage. **XXIV, 87.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1782. February 19. Paris.

Their good friend [la Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts] will be delighted to see Franklin on the 23d. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 88.**

From **Sam[uel] Andrews.** 1782. February 21. Paris.

Sends two of his "résumé mémoirs"; expects his business to come before Council and be judged to his satisfaction on Monday. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 89.**

From ——— **Martin fils, ainé.** 1782. February 21. Cette.

Desires the position of Consul at the above port. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 90.**

From **Marquis de Cheylus.** 1782. February 21. Paris.

Is desirous of waiting upon Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 91.**

From ——— **Le Rouge.** 1782. February 21. Paris.

Asking the name of some work, which treats of the war in America, for Comte de Ségur; begs Franklin to procure him certain maps from London. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 92.**

From ——— **Garnier.** 1782. February 21. Paris.

Inviting him to subscribe to "Spectacle de la Galerie de Dusseldorf." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 93.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. February 22. London.

Account of money due for his expenditures on behalf of prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 94.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1782. February 22. Madrid.

Disgrace to the National credit from the non-payment of the bills; hopes France will once more step to their relief. Question of his own salary. The conquest of Minorca and the intended siege of Gibraltar much discussed at present; the Spaniards reproach the French troops with indifference and cowardice; a different opinion of French gallantry in America; his admiration and love for la Fayette; only exceeded by his feeling for Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 95.**

From **Richard Hare, Jr.** 1782. February 23. Cork.

Writes on behalf of nearly two hundred prisoners in wretched confinement; many would have perished during the winter but for a small subscription raised by a few individuals; begs Franklin to use his influence to have an exchange effected. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 96.**

From **Mich[ae]l Bright, Champion Wood, Levy Yonger and Bartholemus Cashman.** 1782. February 24. Havre-de-Grace.

Account of their escape from Forton Prison, and their arrival in France, only to be placed under arrest; desire their liberty and enough money to take them to l'Orient; complain bitterly of such unjust treatment. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 97.**

From ——— **de Maugonne.** 1782. February 24. Paris.

Sending a prospectus for a Military Academy which he is starting. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Will be glad to see him when he calls.

XXIV, 98.

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. February 24. Nantes.

Returning Captain Folger's bond and oath. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXVIII, 95.

From ——— **Le Paön.** 1782. February 24. Paris.

Offers his services to Congress to paint a series of pictures, celebrating the American feats of arms; his portrait of Washington; some of his work at the Palais Bourbon and L'École Royale. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 99.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782. February 25. Paris.

In compliance with Franklin's directions, had an interview with the Comte de Vergennes; the sum will be immediately communicated to Franklin; wishes its augmentation could be obtained; the petition to the Marquis de Castries will be presented at once and the answer sent to Passy as soon as possible; this peculiar situation calls him to Versailles two or three times a week. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXIV, 100.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. February 25. Amsterdam.

Account of the vessel purchased by him to convey the goods to America; bills drawn on Franklin; amount owing him by Congress. Letter received from Mr. Moylan with an account of disbursements for the "Alliance." A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 101.**

From **[Major Pierre François] de Boy.** 1782. February 25. Bayonne.

Writes on behalf of M. de Montigny, wounded on board the American frigate "South Carolina"; his destitution; desires the pay due him as well as his share of the prize-money; encloses certificate (1 p.) to prove his claim. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 102.**

From **Michael Bright, and others.** 1782. February 26. Honfleur.

Protest against their treatment (see XXIV, 97); their earnest wish to get home as soon as possible. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 103.**

From **Michael Bright.** 1782. February 26. Honfleur.

Protesting against being sent on board a man-of-war; desires Franklin to let his parents and his brother William know that he is well, and that Champion Wood made his escape with him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 104.**

From **Chevalier [Macé] de Vaudoré.** 1782. February 26. Nantes.

Has received no answer to the memoir he addressed to Franklin; hopes he will accede to his request and desires his certificate returned. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "Not being able to do anything in such affairs I return his certificate." **XXIV, 105.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** 1782. February 27. Paris.

Sending him the required instructions (2 p. in French) in order to reimburse Mr. [John] Adams for the sum lent Mr. [Francis M.] Dana. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 106.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. February 27. L'Orient.

His safe arrival with the frigate "Alliance"; can only wait the return of the post for Franklin's despatches. Very poor success on his last cruise. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 107.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1782. February 27. Rouen.

Franklin's letters handed him by Messrs. Hazlehurst and Grubb, to whom he has rendered every little service in his power; various manufactories they have visited. Messages from his wife and Mr. Ridley. The date of Marquis de la Fayette's return. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 108.**

From **[Comte de] Maillebois.** 1782. February 27. Paris.

Sends him papers relating to considerable affairs in America in which his friend, la Marquise de Cassiny is interested; desires their return at his earliest convenience so that he may carry them to the Marquis de la Fayette. Has been confined to his house for five weeks with the gout. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 109.**

From **J. Cottin et fils Jauge.** 1782. February 27. Paris.

Hears that Franklin is considering the purchase of a vessel; describes one which he thinks will suit him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 110.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782. February 28. Paris.

Inquires if Mr. Franklin will be in; wishes to see him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 170.**

From [**Mrs. and Miss**] **Brewse.** 1782. February 28. Chaillot.

Begging him to forward a letter to Lieut.-Col. Brewse. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIV, 111.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. February 28. Amsterdam.

Situation of the goods sold by Mr. Gillon; conditions upon which he will be able to procure them and forward them to America. Expects the "General Sullivan" in ten days. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 112.**

From **Messrs. de Puységur.** 1782. February 28.

Announcing the death of their father. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 113.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. February 29. L'Orient.

Account of his dispute with the French sailors who came with the "Alliance" from Boston; difficulty of procuring American sailors; habit of the French to trump up an account against any American who is desired to go on board; given an instance of this nefarious practice; out of his power to go to Brest; if the goods were at L'Orient, might take a certain number. Advises against sending any more powder and arms to the Eastern provinces; his reasons. Is stretching his orders further than he likes in order to wait for Franklin's despatches. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 114.**

From **Rob[er]t Strange.** 1782. February 29. London.

Transmitting a copy of Cicero's Cato; Mr. Strahan afraid it is not the desired edition; Mr. S[trahan] would have written, but he has not yet recovered from his defeat that morning in the House of Commons; thinks the proceedings open a prospect of peace. His intention of coming to Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 115.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1782. February. Paris.

Sending him tickets for a meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine and begging the honor of his presence on that occasion. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 116.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand.** *Circa* February. 1782.]

Informing him that the Spaniards are in possession of Fort St. Philippe [Port Mahon, Minorca]. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 193.**

From **Matthew Parke.** 1782. March 1. L'Orient.

Thanking him for his kind advice and offers of service; has written the Minister to request that their part of the prize-money may be paid to their attorney. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 117.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. March 1. London.

His funds more than exhausted; Mr. [Edmund] Burke's intention of bringing in a bill for a general exchange of prisoners; some hope of success after what passed the night before. Mr. [Henry] L[aurens] considers himself restricted from writing to persons abroad, but will do all the good in his power. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 118.**

From **D. D. Gabriel Olivar.** 1782. March 2. Paris.

Asking for a letter of recommendation to the Comte d'Aranda, whose protection he desires in order to join "la Pobordia" on the island of Minorca. A. L. S. 1 p. (In Spanish.) **XXIV, 119.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1782. March 3. Ostend.

Left London the day before; the King's answer to the various addresses; has letters for Franklin which will disclose the sentiments of parties in England. Had the good fortune to procure the liberty of Gouverneur and Carson after Mr. Hodgson had tried in vain. Expects to be at St. Germain by Wednesday. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XXIV, 120.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1782. March 3. Madrid.

Announcing Mr. Guichen's arrival at Cadiz with the fleet. Necessity of the French Court advancing a sufficient sum of money to enable Mr.

Jay to discharge the bills already accepted; has been haunted by this business for weeks past. Account of their negotiations; the instructions of M. Del Campo not yet ready. Coldness towards him of the Marquis d'Aranda; reasons for this change of manner. Elation in Spain caused by the taking of Fort St. Philippe; the siege of Gibraltar determined upon. General esteem acquired by Mr. Page, a young American volunteer who acted as the Duc de Brillon's Aide-de-camp at Minorca. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 121.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. March 4. L'Orient.

"Alliance" not fit to take dry goods on board; in a gale of wind, impossible to keep them from being damaged. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 122.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1782. March 5. London.

Determination on the part of his father and two other gentlemen to purchase lands in America; asks certain important questions on the subject. The enclosed letter from John will explain why he delayed his departure. After the late votes in the House of Commons, is in hopes of seeing Franklin soon. The instant his father can proceed without confiscation of his property, he will embark for America with all his family. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 123.**

From **Benj[ami]n Guild.** 1782. March 5. Nantes.

Has purchased a brigantine which he wishes to despatch immediately for Boston; desires a passport, as she is American property. Messages from Franklin's friends in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 124.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1782. March 6. Paris.

Introducing M. Lefevre of Lisbon, who desires an interview on particular business. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 125.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. March 6. L'Orient.

Sends the enclosed letter; as an officer of the United States, cannot suffer the subjects of America to be treated in the manner they are; the author of the letter is the son of Mr. Jacob Bright, a man of property, much respected in Philadelphia before the war. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 126.**

From **[Le] Couteulx & Cie.** 1782. March 6. Paris.

Concerning bills of William Bingham of Philadelphia, presented to them for acceptance; asks Franklin's advice. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 127.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1782. March 6. L'Orient.

An officer of the "Alliance" and nephew of Dr. Cooper writes on behalf of his brother, William Cooper, who is confined in Mill Prison; begs Franklin to procure his exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 128.**

From **Millin de la Brosse.** 1782. March 6. Paris.

Writes on behalf of M. Wuibert, Lieut.-Col. in the service of America, who desires his share of the prize-money during his service with Commodore Jones. His plan to raise a troop for service in America, and why he was never able to carry it out. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 129.**

From **Jean Rousseaux.** 1782. March 6. Brest.

Request for the wages and prize-money due him during his service on board the "Lexington," Capt. Henry Johnson. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 130.**

From **John Thaxter, Jr.** 1782. March 7. Amsterdam.

Mr. Adams having gone to The Hague to meet M. le duc de La Vauguyon, forwards the lists to Dr. Franklin in his stead. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 131.**

From **Baron [H. H.] de Poellnitz.** 1782. March 8. Bordeaux.

His intention of embarking for Philadelphia with his family; reminds Franklin of his promise to furnish him with some recommendations. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 132.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 8. Nantes.

Introducing Dr. Mason [Locke] Weems and his companion Mr. Manifold, who go to England on business; begs Franklin to favor them with the necessary passports. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 96.**

From **A True Born American.** 1782. March 8.

Recommends the dismissal of Mr. Francis Coffyn, American Agent at Dunkerque, who treats most dishonorably all Americans who appear before him; a few examples illustrating his treatment. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 49.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 9. Nantes.

His purchase of a new brig, the "Spry"; desires to send her to Boston under convoy of the "Alliance"; rates at which he is willing to carry public freight. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 97.**

From ——— **Bertin.** 1782. March 11. Paris.

Desiring a passport for the vessel bound for Labrador; the ship, Captain, men and object are the same as when Franklin granted them the passport the year before at Mr. Hutton's request; intends to ask the same favor of M. de Castries. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 133.**

From [**Prof.**] ——— **D'Acarq.** 1782. March 11. Aire.

An ode to the United States; trusts Franklin will think this poem, as well as its two predecessors, worthy of being presented to his immortal Republic; wishes to guard his incognito, as he is obliged to give lessons in French to strangers, especially to the English. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 134.**

From [**Palteau de**] **Veimerange.** 1782. March 11. Paris.

So far has not been fortunate in finding vessels to carry to America the goods assembled at Brest; desires to know Franklin's plans in this regard. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. The Captain of the "Alliance" has refused to go to Brest and will probably sail without the goods; relies wholly on the assistance of the Department of the Marine. **XXIV, 135.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 12. Nantes.

Has sent to the Marquis de Castries the plan for an enterprise which cannot fail to prove distressing to England and highly important to America and France; desires to know as soon as the Marquis communicates it to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 98.**

From **Chaubet & Bremont.** 1782. March 12.

Begging a signed statement that the frigate "Confederation," belonging to Congress, was captured on her voyage from St. Domingo to Philadelphia; the underwriters pretend that she was taken on leaving Philadelphia for another destination. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 136.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1782. March 13. Paris.

The length of her brother's illness and the loss she has sustained have prevented her going to see Franklin; wishes to know if he will receive her the next day and give her some tea and bread and butter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 137.**

From **J. B. Grimoult.** 1782. March 13. Paris.

Desires to forward a certain sum to a soldier in the army of M. de Rochambeau; wishes to know if Franklin can give him an order on the town of York where the soldier is stationed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 138.**

From **John Barry.** 1782. March 15. L'Orient.

Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's despatches; expects to set sail in a few hours. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 139.**

From **Mme. de Chaumont.** 1782. March 15. Chaumont.

Was much disappointed that Franklin could not come and spend a few months here. The Benedictines who have a College here hoped that he would pay them a visit also. Her great friendship for him. Her children often speak of him and long to see him again. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 50.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1782. March 16. Dunkirk.

The bearers, Joseph Gole and Moses Howes, are both American sailors who escaped from English prisons and arrived in France in a destitute condition; furnished them with a sum of money on Franklin's account to pay the expenses of their journey. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 140.**

From **Henry Wyld.** 1782. March 18. Hatherlow.

Laid Franklin's answer before the gentlemen to whom it was addressed; in spite of the negative given to the second article of their proposition, they are determined to emigrate; desires Franklin to procure them a certificate as a protection on the voyage over, and to forward certain of the requests to the Congress of Pennsylvania. Proceedings in the House of Commons tending towards ultimate peace. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 141.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 19. Nantes.

Concerning the custom-house duties on public goods. Terms for freighting his brig with public goods run high, but he can more than fill her with private freight at a higher price; if he were certain of having the public freight, he and Mr. Moylan would purchase a fine large ship; desires Franklin's advice. Will ship the seeds to Franklin at once. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 99.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1782. March 20. Nice.

Fictitious plea couched in legal terms for Mme. Brillon de Jouy against Benjamin Franklin for not living up to the terms of their agreement of friendship to see each other as often as possible, to write to each other if separated, and to reply to all letters received from the other party. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 116.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., 1901, XL, 111.

From **Sam[ue]l Hubbart.** 1782. March 20. Mill Prison.

Was taken by the British ship "Recovery," carried into Ireland and thence conveyed to Mill Prison; writes for money and clothes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XXIV, 142 and 143.**

From **Larwood & Van Hassett & Van Suchtelen.** 1782. March 21. Amsterdam.

Mr. Adams has accepted the fifty-one bills in question. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 144.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1782. March 22. Philadelphia.

Account of money due Baron d'Arendt; begs Franklin to furnish him with a partial payment. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 146.**

From **William Hodgson.** [1782. March 22?] London.

Acknowledging receipt of Franklin's remittance of £300 for the use of the prisoners; is that much in debt already, but will go on advancing the money. Announcing the expected retirement of the old Ministry, so hostile and so inimical to America; feels sure the rising Ministers will co-operate in any measures which may tend to peace; desires very much to hold the position of negotiator. Bill introduced into Parliament by Mr. [Edmund] Burke for the exchange of American prisoners; suggests certain steps to obtain the terms and conditions agreed upon. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 147.**

From ——— **de Pachelbel.** 1782. March 22. Paris.

Begging him to forward the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 148.**

From [**René Georges**] **Gastellier.** 1782. March 22. Montargis.

The letter he received from Mlle. de Fay makes him hopeful of some day gaining the much-desired membership. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 149.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1782?] March 23. Paris.

Soliciting Franklin's favor on behalf of M. Martin, who desires the position of American Consul at Bayonne. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 166.**

From **Élie de Beaumont.** 1782. March 24. Paris.

Reasons why he has not been to see Franklin for a long time. Enclosing a memoir which he believes will interest him, also a letter of ancient date which he was asked to deliver. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 150.**

From **Job Whipple and Elijah Lewis.** 1782. March 24. Nantes.

Their escape from Kin(gs)ale Prison; account of the wretched condition there. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIV, 151.**

From **Isaac Hazlehurst.** 1782. March 24. Nantes.

Acknowledging the polite attentions shown him during his stay in Paris. Proposes embarking for America in the brigantine "Betsey," Capt. [Bernard] Gallagher; offers to carry any papers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 152.**

From **Cuming and Macarty.** 1782. March 25. L'Orient.

Mr. Bright, of Philadelphia, who made his escape from Forton Prison, is now detained at Brest by the Commandant; they have written requesting his and a Mr. Wood's discharge; they beg Dr. Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 153.**

From **Champion and Lescuyer.** 1782. March 25. Paris.

Offering to furnish uniforms. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Will retain their offer, but at present has no purchases to make. **XXIV, 154.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 25. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Meyers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 100.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 26. Nantes.

Concerning the distress among the escaped American prisoners; thinks no State should refuse the necessary meat and clothing to its servants; wishes the power given him to distribute such necessities; reported situation of the four hundred American prisoners at Kin(gs)ale, Ireland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 101.**

From **Jon[athan] Williams [Jr.].** 1782. March 26.

Regarding Americans escaped from Irish prisons. A. L. S. 3 p. **CIV, 49b.**

From **L'Abbé de Mourlens.** 1782. March 26. Toulouse.

Presents him with a copy of his work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 155.**

From **The Ambassador of Holland.** 1782. March 26. Paris.

Learned that Dr. Franklin was indisposed. Makes inquiries about his health. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 51.**

From ——— **Montesquieu, ainé.** 1782. March 27. Toulouse.

The purchase of cloth in their province of Languedoc; number of articles he has furnished to the vessels at Bordeaux; hopes Franklin will honor him with his orders. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 156.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. March 28. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. William Vernon [Jr.] of Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 102.**

From **V[euv]e de Précorbiu.** 1782. March 28. Caen.

A widow with four children; her eldest son desires to serve with the American troops; begs Franklin to procure him a passage over and a suitable rank in the army; his education at the Royal Military School. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "The armies of America full; not possible!" **XXIV, 157.**

From **St. Jean de Crevecoeur.** 1782. March 30. Paris.

Asks him to send some letters to Philadelphia or Boston; many of his former letters miscarried. Congratulates him on the taking of St. Christopher. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 158.**

From **S[ilas] Deane.** 1782. March 30. Ghent.

The examination of his accounts by Mr. Barclay; wrote Congress praying them to adopt some just measure for the settlement of this affair; desiring Franklin to write them also on the subject. The changes which have lately taken place in London give hopes of a not distant peace. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIV, 159.**

Printed in Collections of New York Historical Society, 1890. Deane Papers, V, 80.

From **Abbé de St. Favre.** 1782. March 31.

The Chevalier Duvet de Contour, a young officer in the Marines, has begged of him some assistance; his story is that Franklin sent him to M. de Beaumarchais to receive the payment of the gratification always accorded to prisoners of war; M. de Beaumarchais being out of town has left him without resource; does not wish to be imposed upon, so asks Franklin to confirm these statements. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 160.**

From **W[illiam] Royal.** 1782. March 31.

His step-father is Mr. John Dixon, now living at Williamsburg; believes Franklin knows his parents, who desired him to make application for money on their account. Came to England to be operated upon for the stone, but since the death of a relative has been in great distress and knows not how to get home; turns to Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIV, 161.**

From **Tho[ma]s Mumford.** 1782. April 1. Norwich.

Begs that advice and assistance be given his nephew, Mr. Gurdon S. Mumford, who, in the absence of Mr. Silas Deane, is left without a protector. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 1.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1782. April 1. Paris.

If the republic of America desires any statuary, asks that he be given the commission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 2.**

From **James Searle.** 1782. April 1. Paris.

Expects to go to Nantes in a few days; requests passports for himself and servant. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 3.**

From **Messrs. Salmon, Batriat and Dupuch.** 1782. April 3. Guadeloupe.

In conformity with the King's orders, the officers of the Admiralty of Guadeloupe send Franklin two copies of the proceedings in regard to the prizes brought there by the American corsairs. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 4.**

From **Christian Schneider.** 1782. April 3. Germantown.

Has paid Richard Bache, of Philadelphia, two hundred pounds in specie due to the widow Anne Catharine Höckl[er]in at Ebingen in Wurtemberg; begs that the enclosed letter be forwarded to her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 5.**

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1782. April 4. London.

The approaching departure of himself and his co-religionists for Pennsylvania where they hope to rival Manchester and Spitalfields in the manufacture of silk and other articles; asks for the necessary passports; his correspondence with Mr. Wyld. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 6.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. April 4. Nantes.

Arrival of the ship the "Count de Grasse" with a prize; suggesting a speedy exchange of the prisoners taken. Desires to know whether it is true that Mr. Jay has been obliged to let the bills he accepted be protested for non-payment. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 103.**

From **Ferdinand de Rembau and Dupont.**

1782. April 5. Donaueschingen.

Wish to serve in the American army; beg for Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 7.**

From ——— **Bailly.** 1782. April 6. Paris.

Announcing that the boxes are ready. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 9.**

From **Chevalier Delfino.** 1782. April 6. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to become a member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts in Padua. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 10.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 197; Bigelow, VII, 434).

From **John Thornton.** 1782. April 6. Clapham.

Takes the opportunity of his friend Joseph Walker, visiting Paris, to get some letters to America. Requests Franklin's acceptance of some poems [by William Cowper]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 11.**

From **L. H. de Bourbon [Prince de Condé].** 1782. April 7. Paris.

Requesting a passport for his groom who goes to England to purchase horses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 12.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1782. April 8. Paris.

Has just heard from Amsterdam that the bills accepted by Mr. Jay at Madrid are come back unpaid and protested; if Franklin desires they shall be paid and will send orders to that effect, he will notify the holders that if they send them back to Madrid, they will be surely paid. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Approves of M. Grand's suggestion; if the holders prefer, they can be paid at Paris or Amsterdam.

XXV, 13.

From **Joshua Goss and others.** 1782. April 8. L'Orient.

Escaped from Forton Prison on the 13th of March; crave assistance to enable them to return to America. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 14.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1782. April 9.

Begs that Franklin will write to M. de Castries his willingness that the prisoners at St. Malo be liberated; there are three of them; Capt. Agnew and his father and Mr. Parker, a merchant; all from Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 15.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. April 9. London.

Sends copy of memorial [2 p.] he delivered to the Lords of the Admiralty, and note just received from Lord Shelburne [2 p.]. Franklin may conclude the business done as soon as the official forms are got through with. Desires advice as to the transportation and victualling of the prisoners; situation of the prisoners in Ireland; can easily send them any remittance Franklin may be able to procure. Lord Shelburne's promises on behalf of the prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 16.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. April 9. London.

Believes the new Ministers will co-operate in any measures that may lead to peace. Plan to send him as a Peace Commissioner to Franklin; this idea given up; thinks Franklin will see a person of the first rank and of great consideration upon the same errand. The bearer of this letter will await Franklin's reply in regard to the exchange of prisoners; at the same time desires an answer to this private and confidential communication. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 17.**

From **Prince de Broglie.** 1782. April 9. Paris.

Sends for the packets Franklin mentioned and feels honored with the trust confided to him; is confident of being well received in a country where every one honors one of the greatest men in the world. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 18.**

From **de Wesselow Cramer.** 1782. April 9. Geneva.

The representatives and the natives rose in arms so suddenly that he had not time to put Franklin's child and his own in a place of safety; nothing however has happened to the boy, and he hopes to obtain permission for him to leave the town very shortly; strangers have really nothing to fear. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 19.**

From **[Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir.** 1782. April 9. Paris.

Has sent Mr. [George] Fox the permission requested by Franklin, so that the books will be waiting him at the custom-house. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 20.**

From **Henry Wyld.** 1782. April 9. Hatherlow.

Acknowledging his kindness toward him as a representative of the company; expressing surprise at not receiving the necessary passports. Reasons why he thinks they are entitled to indulgence from any country where manufactures are wanted; desires him to recommend Congress to advance them a small sum, if their affairs require it; repayment guaranteed. Concerning a plan of two gentlemen in Derby to start a silk manufactory in Virginia, if they could be certain of being well received; desires Franklin's opinion. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 21.**

From **[Hilliard] d'Auberteuil.** 1782. April 10. Paris.

Sends a proof of a third part of his essays, and reminds Franklin of his promise to inform him of his errors. Has read with pleasure the collection of Franklin's political memoirs. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 22.**

From **Sam[ue]l Courtauld.** 1782. April 10. Paris.

His departure postponed until the following Sunday. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 23.**

From ——— **Epidorge.** 1782. April 11. Dunkirk.

Apologizes for importuning him on behalf of Capt. Conyngham's crew; begs for an answer to allay the disquietude of the poor fellows. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 24.**

From **Chevalier O'Gorman.** 1782. April 11. Paris.

Recommending Dr. O'Connor; his experience; his desire to serve the United States, either in the army or in their hospitals. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 25.**

From **Sam[ue]l Courtauld.** [1782. April 11?] Paris.

Expects to wait on Franklin on Sunday, the day of his departure, and receive his commands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 35.**

From **C. Cramer.** [1782.] April 12. Geneva.

His grandson safe in Switzerland with M. [G. L. de] Marignac. Would have brought him herself, but permission to leave was refused to her and her children. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 243.**

From **John Hyacinth de Magellan.** 1782. April 13. Paris.

Enclosing the original letter of [Edward] Nairne about the accident to the House of Industry at Heckingham which was struck by lightning, though furnished with eight conductors, on account of their being wrongly set up; steps he has taken to bring the matter before various societies; expects to return to London in a few days. Le Bègue de Presle will deliver to Dr. Franklin the complete work of [John] Miller (on the Linnaean System) which their late friend Dr. Fothergill desired to be forwarded to the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 26.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. April 14. London.

Enclosing a sketch of an agreement relative to the exchange of American prisoners [2 p.]; Franklin must either sign it or authorize him to do it. Transports will be ready in a short time to take the prisoners on board. Assured that a vessel will call at Kinsale to take on board the prisoners there. Suggests that Congress be acquainted, by the cartel ships, with the terms of exchange. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 27.**

From ——— **Laudrin.** 1782. April 14.

Finds Franklin's name written on his door, and the hour three o'clock; waited in vain for his arrival; presumes some one has spoken of his mechanical contrivances; encloses a memoir of his work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 27½.**

From [**J.**] **de Sparre.** 1782. April 17. Strasbourg.

Desires to go to America with his family and enter the service of the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 28.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. April 18. Nantes.

Cannot account for the non-arrival of the seeds. Is preparing a long letter with a detail of the obstacles in the way of American commerce in certain ports of France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 104.**

From **Franklin Read.** 1782. April 19. Cape François.

His reasons for deciding to follow the sea; has been unfortunate up to this time but is now in a fair way to succeed; has just come up from Jamaica on parole but expects to be exchanged in a day or two; shall then return home where he has a good berth in a vessel bound for Europe; hopes Franklin will forgive him for not writing. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 29.**

From **James Price.** 1782. April 20. Bordeaux.

Recommending Mr. Anthony Lynch for the position of American Agent at the above port. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 30.**

From **The Bishop of Puy.** 1782. April 20. Puy.

Has established, in his diocese of Languedoc, various manufactories in order to help the poor by giving them work; begs Franklin to honor them with his orders for the United States. Reminds Franklin of their meeting in 1778 at the chateau of M. Bertin, the Minister. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXV, 31.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1782. April 21. Dunkirk.

The bearers of this are Whipple Crow and Benjamin Slocum, Americans taken on board the "Polly" and carried to Bristol; having made their escape, they arrived in France destitute of everything; drew on Franklin for money to take them to Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 32.**

From **Henry Wyld.** 1782. April 21. Hatherlow.

Sorry to hear that Franklin's authority to grant their request has been recalled; desires that they be given the earliest opportunity to emigrate as they wish to be the first persons to arrive in the capacity of manufacturers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 33.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1782. April 23. Dunkirk.

The bearers are John Kemp and Alex Findats, Americans, Captain and Lieutenant on board the "Greyhound"; their capture, imprisonment in England and subsequent escape; their arrival in France destitute; drew on Franklin for money to take them to Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 34.**

From **[Aimé Ambroise Joseph] Feutry.** 1782. April 23.

Enclosed letter to be forwarded to Boston; leaves soon for Chatillon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 35.**

From ——— **Faucon.** 1782. April 23. Riou.

Writes for news of his son Julien; gives account of his movements from the time he entered the French navy up to the year 1780, when he ceased to hear from him; rumor that he is living in Boston. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXV, 36.**

From ——— **Tezenad.** 1782. April 23. Passy.

Offering to send to Franklin a musket, pair of pistols, rifle and powder-horn, all of exquisite workmanship; thinks they would be a worthy present for General Washington. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 37.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1782. April 24. St. Germain.

Thanking Franklin for the return of his papers; feels sure that he has solid reasons for declining the execution of the plan; reasons why he will not fulfill Franklin's suggestion to render it successful elsewhere. His two girls go to town that day, one to stay with Mme. de la Marck, the other to visit Mme. Helvétius. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 38.**

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1782. April 24. London.

Sorry that Franklin's interest in Mr. Wyld's undertaking was dampened by the delay in the payment of the bill upon himself; distress and confusion caused by Franklin's letter; certain of their friends have gone too far to retreat now. His plans for establishing a silk manufactory in America; success he has made of it in the past. If the country can yield a sufficient quantity of raw silk they can make it independent of Europe for those goods. If it cannot, then hopes that the Italian and East India markets may be opened in the meantime. For more than twenty years has set his heart on emigrating to America. If they do not go this season he wishes to go with his two sons as soon as possible. He thinks all the real liberty now or hereafter enjoyed in this island may be attributed to the noble heroes of North America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 39.**

From [**J.**] **Ingen Housz.** 1782. April 24. Vienna.

Reproaches him for not having answered any of his letters; particularly anxious to have his opinion upon the heat conducting quality of different metals; on this account, has retarded one year the publication of the book which he now sends. Attack made on his work by Dr. Priestley; convinced he can prove him wrong in his whole theory about the manner in which vegetables are subservient to the animal creation. Begs for news of Mr. Samuel Wharton who has large sums of his money to invest in trade. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 40.**

From [**Mlle.**] **Murray.** 1782. April 25. Gand.

Informing him of the loss of her friend, Mme. Battier; has been obliged to take entire charge of her affairs; begs permission to send him a small box containing her friend's portrait, surrounded with diamonds, and a gold chain, which she wore up to her death; desires this box delivered to her friend's father, Mr. [Thomas] Ivers [at Boston]. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXV, 41.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1782. April 25. Paris.

Sends the required permission for the books to be delivered at Rochefort without a visit from the Syndics. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 42.**

From **Benj**[**amin**] **Putnam.** 1782. April 26. Portsmouth, Va.

His vessels depending on the Admiralty of France; desires some information on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 43.**

From **M**[**ary**] **Stewart.** 1782. April 26. London.

Begs for assistance; is in great pecuniary distress owing to an expensive law-suit and a long illness. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 44.**

From ——— **Trouillot.** 1782. April 26. Lyon.

Desires to go to America; begs Franklin to aid him with advice and recommendations. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 45.**

From **Comte d'Estaing.** 1782. April 27. Passy.

Sends back the list to Franklin; the articles marked with a cross are the ones he desires. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 46.**

From **[Johann Reinhold] Forster.** 1782. April 27. Halle.

Introducing Mr. Loder, First Physician to the Duke of Saxe-Weimar, and one of the first German anatomists. Congratulates him on the prospect of America's independence. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 47.**

From **Comte de Barbançon.** 1782. April 27. Varennes.

Thanking him for his present of rare seeds. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 48.**

From **Benj[ami]n West.** 1782. April 28. London.

Greatly pleased with a bust of Franklin he has just procured. His eldest son, now in his sixteenth year, has greatly improved in painting; while his thirteen-year-old boy shows great facility in learning. Refers Franklin to Mr. Whitefoord as regards his own situation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 49.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 20.

From **Anthony Barons and Alex[ande]r Cummings.** [*Circa* 1782.] April 28. Havre de Grace.

Have been long held prisoners in England. Beg for help to return to America. L. S. 2 p. **XLII, 91.**

From **Miss [Bethia] Alexander.** [*Circa* 1782.] April 29. St. Germain.

Asking Franklin to carry a packet into Paris for her father; unless he takes it in his own carriage, it would be stopped at the city gate. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 104.**

From **Ollivier de Guével and others.** 1782. April 29. Passy.

Concerning a bill of exchange payable to Benjamin Franklin and drawn on Jonathan Nesbitt; the latter's refusal to accept it; account of the proceedings. A. D. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 50.**

From **Freegift Arnold.** 1782. April 30. L'Orient.

Account of his adventures as an officer in the service of Congress; his long imprisonment and final escape; has not a farthing to his name and owes Mr. Moylan for his subsistence; desires his share of the prize-money due him from the "Alliance," or a small advance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 51.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. April 30. Nantes.

Intention of Mr. James Moore of Scotland to enter into the American trade in France; his wish to take the oath of allegiance to the United States; sends one signed before witnesses. Begs for an answer about the American prisoners still boarding at his expense. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 106.**

From ——— **Richard.** 1782. May 1. Paris.

The Professor of rhetoric in his College offered a prize for the best French translation of the famous Latin verse—"Eripuit cœlo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis"; quotes his own translation which carried off the palm. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 52.**

From **Tho[ma]s Ruston.** 1782. May 2. Exeter.

Presumes Franklin forwarded the scheme of a bank to Mr. Morris, as he has since seen a Resolve of Congress to give Mr. Morris ample powers to carry such a scheme into execution. In case of peace or truce, suggests that America institute a loan in England; discusses the advantages of such a step; its probable popularity in England; the question of security. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 53.**

From **Tho[ma]s Ruston.** 1782. May 2. Exeter.

Introducing Major Van Braam, a native of Holland, who quitted the English army two years before, after thirty years' service; his intention to remove to France with his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 54.**

From **E. Cayrol & Co.** 1782. May 4. Paris.

Establishment at Amsterdam of an emporium for goods from their manufactory of Gobelins; have appointed Paul Charlé their Agent for whom they beg a recommendation to Mr. Adams. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 55.**

From **Dr. [Samuel] Cooper.** 1782. May 5. Boston.

Letters received in this State and at Philadelphia, stating that France was at the bottom against America obtaining the fishery and territory in that great extent in which both are secured to America by the treaty; that the American Minister did not oppose this design, and that it was entirely owing to the firmness, sagacity and disinterestedness of Mr.

Adams and Mr. Jay, that America obtained those important advantages. States that these letters are said to come from Mr. Adams. States that Mr. Adams wrote to Congress resigning his employments in Europe but intimated in a subsequent letter his readiness to continue them should he be appointed Minister to the Court of London. Extract from L. 3 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 2½.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 6; Bigelow, VIII, 340).

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1782. May 6. Hotel de Vauban.

Introducing M. de la Grainehais who desires information relative to a deed of lands in Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 56.**

From **William Allcock.** 1782. May 6. Amiens.

His services in the American army since 1777; his capture by the English; his arrival in France and his destitute condition; desires assistance; names of five other prisoners who arrived with him. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 57.**

From **——— Bassi.** 1782. May 6. Paris.

Franklin's admission to the membership of the Academy of Padua shows how much he is esteemed in Italy; desires subscription to his "Complete Collection of the Most Beautiful Selections from Italian Poetry." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 58.**

From **Tho[ma]s Price.** 1782. May 7. Amiens.

Mistake made by M. Leleu; these unhappy Americans are able to prove that they do not come from English prisons; hopes Franklin will give them the desired assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 59.**

From **N. Leleu.** 1782. May 7. Amiens.

Explaining the mistake he made in saying six Americans had arrived from English prisons; true account of their capture and arrival in France; can vouch for their not being English spies in disguise. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 60.**

From **[Matthew] Ridley.** 1782. May 7. Paris.

Enclosing fourteen bills which he begs Franklin to accept and return. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 62.**

From **E. Cayrol & Co.** 1782. May 8. Paris.

Their request for a letter of recommendation to Mr. Adams on behalf of M. Paul Charlé. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 61.**

From [**Prof.**] **Embser.** 1782. May 9. Deux-Ponts.

In accordance with his orders, sends him the twenty-six volumes of the Collections of Ancient Roman Authors and one volume of the Greek. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 63.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. May 10. London.

Hopes the exchange of prisoners will take place the following week. The letters to go to Congress by the cartel vessels must be forwarded at once. Presented Franklin's acknowledgments to the "noble personage" for his kindness and attention to Americans. Pleasing prospect of peace. Messages from Drs. Priestley and Price, and Messrs. Jones and Paradise. Money due him for disbursements to prisoners. Desires Franklin to send a special messenger at his expense with earliest news of whether there will or will not be a Congress to treat on terms of pacification. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 64.**

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1782. May 10. London.

Their friends have gone too far to retreat; begs Franklin to do the most he can towards rendering their passage over safe. His views on the establishment of a silk manufactory in America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 65.**

From **Denis Baucher.** 1782. May 10.

An officer on board the "Bon Homme Richard," Commodore Paul Jones; in the engagement with the "Serapis," was so seriously wounded that he has become a hopeless invalid; begs for his share of the prize-money to alleviate the situation. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 66.**

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1782. May 11. London.

Acknowledging the pass and letters of recommendation. Misunderstood the conference between Franklin and Mr. Wyld; thinks the latter was perhaps too sanguine. His intention of persuading his friends in the country, if possible, to delay their departure till peace is established; if they are resolved to go, will risk everything to go with them.

Account of his interview with Mr. [Henry] Laurens who, owing to the delicacy of his situation, could not comply with his request. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 67.**

From **Dr. [Thomas] Percival.** 1782. May 12. Manchester.

Requesting Dr. Franklin's acceptance of the enclosed volumes as memorials of his cordial esteem and respect. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 68.**

From **[Prof.] Rouaix.** 1782. May 12. Toulouse.

Is greatly flattered that Franklin will accept the dedication of his general thesis on philosophy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 69.**

From **Morel Dufaux.** [1782.] May 12. Paris.

Important services rendered by him to the American cause; hopes Franklin will permit an introduction by his friend, M. Grand. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 50.**

From **T[homas] Pownall.** 1782. May 13. Richmonds.

Sending him an account of the sale of his "Topographical Description of America," in order that the poor widow Barry may receive her just dues. Hoped to have been legally authorized to communicate with Franklin on the subject of peace. Sees he will never be employed in Europe on account of the objection to him of one person. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 70.**

Printed, in part, in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 22.

From **B. C. Cutler.** 1782. May 14. Paris.

Concerning the miniature of the late Mrs. Battier which Miss Murray, of Ghent, sent to Franklin's care; desires him to forward it to Mr. Thomas Ivers at Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 71.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. May 16. Nantes.

Report of America having declared war against Portugal; if this is true, would like a commission for the "Spry" to cruize against the Portugese. News of a bloody engagement between the Comte de Grasse and Mr. Rodney; advantage doubtful. Message from Capt. Jon. Coffin of Nantucket. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 107.**

From **Reuben Harvey.** 1782. May 17. Cork.

Desire of about one hundred poor tradesmen and husbandmen to settle in America; having no money to pay their passage, they propose to indent as servants for a certain term; the owner of the ship unwilling to accept them in this manner without being sure of the approval of Congress; can assure him that there is not a convict or felon amongst them. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Contrasting the condition of the poor in America with those in other lands. **XXV, 72.**

From ——— **Vidal and others** [Masons]. 1782. May 17. L'Orient.

Desiring some information about a young man whose mother is distracted with grief over his reported death in York, Virginia; begging Franklin to ascertain the truth of this rumor and any other details obtainable. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXV, 73.**

From **Henry Laurens.** 1782. May 20. Ostend.

Sending certain letters and apologizing for their detention. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 74.**

By **The Continental Congress.** 1782. May 20. [Philadelphia.]

Resolution instructing the Minister at the Court of Versailles to take immediate measures for liquidating the accounts between the United States and that Court and report a state thereof to Congress; also appointing a Commissioner to liquidate and settle the accounts of all the servants of the United States who have been entrusted with the expenditure of public moneys in Europe. D. S. Cha[rle]s Thomson, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **LV, 5.**

From **Coppens fils.** 1782. May 21. Dunkirk.

Is about to send Capt. John Moultson, an American, on a new cruize with the schooner "Sophia"; hearing that war was declared by the United States against Portugal, writes for a commission of war for the Captain so that he may cruize under American colors against the enemies of the United States. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 75.**

From **J. F. Frin & Co.** 1782. May 22. Paris.

Enclosing a bill of exchange for acceptance. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 76.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. May 22. Nantes.

Concerning M. de Castries's request for a ship to be freighted at Nantes for the service of the United States; must have further orders. Urges some action as regards the American prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 108.**

From **Comte de Lacépède.** 1782. May 23. Agen.

His regret at leaving Paris without having paid his respects to Franklin; his first volume on physics about to appear. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 77.**

From ——— **Gerbier.** 1782. May 24. Francouville.

Requesting a passport to be issued to his cousin at Nantes for the latter's vessel "Nostra Signora." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXXIV, 114.**

From **Gerbier & Cie.** [1782. *Circa* May 24.] Nantes.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give them a letter of protection for their vessel "Nostra Signora" bound from Nantes to San Domingo. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIV, 112.**

From ——— **Hilliard d'Auberteuil.** 1782. May 25.

Hopes that the little monument he has wished to erect to the memory of Miss MacRea will prove acceptable to her friends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 78.**

From **Pierre Saussine.** 1782. May 28. Nîmes.

M. Boudon, an orphan, left to the care of a tutor; enticed away from this protector by relatives who desired his small fortune; persuaded by them to go to America; his adventures at St. Eustatius where he lost everything; his arrival in Philadelphia; unless Mr. Wharton has protected him, his tutor and friends fear the worse; begs Dr. Franklin to ascertain his whereabouts and hasten his return. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French. See XXV, 103.) **XXV, 78½.**

From ——— **Gerbier.** 1782. May 29.

Thanking him for listening to his relative's request [for a passport for the "Nostra Signora"]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 79.**

From [**The Secretary to the King.** 1782. *Circa* June 1.]

Postponing the King's reception of the Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers to the 8th of June, 1782. N. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 125.**

From ——— **de la Bassée.** 1782. June 4. Boulogne.

His son desires to enter the American service; begs Franklin to procure him the position of officer in the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 82.**

From **Tench Coxe.** 1782. June 4. Philadelphia.

Loss of certain bills of exchange; begs Franklin to refuse them if presented. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXV, 83 and 84.**

From **B[enjamin] V[aughan].** 1782. June 7. London.

Recommends that the terms of peace should be marked by generous language and humane measures; is sure that no liberality will meet with a repulse. He may hear of Mr. [Henry] Laurens's strange behavior from Mr. Oswald. Has given orders for shipping £6000 in goods to America; increase of emigration there. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 85.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. June 7. London.

Acknowledging receipt of £200; gratitude of the prisoners for the kindness shown them. Departure of the three hundred prisoners from Portsmouth; rumors of their being riotous and ungovernable unfounded. There will be upwards of seven hundred prisoners in Plymouth including those arrived from Kinsale. Convinced that certain persons in power mean to walk fairly and uprightly. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 86.**

From **James Moylan.** 1782. June 8. L'Orient.

Introducing his friend Mr. Henry Mitchell of Boston just arrived on the ship "Alexander" from Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 87.**

From **W. A. von Steuben.** 1782. June 8. Cüstrin.

Congratulates Dr. Franklin on his success in the American cause. Encloses a letter to his son, the General, with the request to forward. Complains that his son has not answered for a year his letters. Would like to hear of him before he dies. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 43.**

From **Joseph Smith.** 1782. June 9. Cape Saint Nicholas, Haiti.

Concerning a prize captured by him in his brig, "Lady Grune," commissioned by Congress; the sloop was judged and condemned as a good prize to the captors; begs Franklin, on receipt of the enclosed papers (1 p.), to order the money paid him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 88.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1782. June 10. London.

Introducing Mr. Foy who intends staying near Paris in order to perfect himself in the French language. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 89.**

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1782. June 10. Amsterdam.

Account received of M. de la Luzerne's house in Philadelphia having been struck by lightning; the accident imputed to the want of Dr. Franklin's lightning-rods. General Knox and Mr. Gouverneur Morris appointed by Gen. Washington to negotiate an exchange of prisoners. Mr. Gadsden elected Governor of South Carolina but declined serving; British property in that State confiscated; the reason given. Account of the action on the Delaware between the American vessel "Hyder Ally" and the British "General Monk," sloop of war, which ended in the latter's being taken. Just recovering from an attack of epidemic influenza. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 90.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1782. June 10. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a copy of XXIV, 146 (see p. 463); Baron d'Arendt had the misfortune to be captured and carried into New York; being released on parole he obtained the above copy, having lost the original. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 90½.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1782. June 11. Bordeaux.

Arrival of the "Don Galvez" from Salem, which she left December 1st.; at that time, M. de Vaudreuil with the fleet remained at Boston and did not expect to sail until the end of the month. Fresh cruelties committed by the Indians on the back settlements near Sunbury. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 91.**

From ——— **de Bouvinghausen.** 1782. June 11. Stuttgart.

Begs him to forward the enclosed letter for Baron de Steuben at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 92.**

From **I. Rocquette, A. Elserier and frères Rocquette.** 1782. June 11. Rotterdam.

Begging him not to accept certain bills drawn on them by their friends Curson and Gouverneur, at St. Eustatius, and the cause; concerning certain bills of Congress in their possession; desire advice how to procure their payment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 93.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1782. June 12. Vienna.

Requesting him to peruse the enclosed letter [3 p.] before forwarding it to Mr. Samuel Wharton. The mercantile undertaking he engaged in with that gentleman; particular interest he therefore takes in his honesty; not rich enough to bear such a great loss; desires Franklin's opinion. The Emperor still hoping to see Franklin in Vienna as Minister in the ensuing General Congress; desires to know whether his hopes are well grounded and if Lord Shelburne and Mr. Fox will declare them a free people. Hears Franklin has a letter half-written to him; begs for it unfinished. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 94.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. June 13. Nantes.

Desires further instructions about shipping the public stores. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 109.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. June 14. Nantes.

Concerning a French ship which offers to take the public stores. American prisoners finally gone; all their expenses paid by him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 110.**

From ——— **Bonnefoux.** 1782. June 16. Paris.

Franklin has doubtless heard of the epidemic which still afflicts Toulouse; all the students have left the University; the thesis, of which Franklin graciously accepted the dedication, must therefore be given up for that year. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 95.**

From **Prince de Sulkowski.** 1782. June 16. Paris.

Introducing his friend, M. de Kurouski, who desires to enter the service; the enclosed memoir [1 p.] gives account of his military experiences. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 96.**

From **Edmund Clegg.** 1782. June 16. London.

The company in the neighborhood of Manchester have gone too far to retreat; uncertain whether to go with them to America; knows he is capable of conducting with success linen, cotton or silk manufactures; desires to know whether it would not be better to get men of property in America to join him as partners in the concern. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 97.**

From **I. Rocquette, A. Elserier and frères Rocquette.** 1782. June 19. Rotterdam.

Concerning a vessel of theirs, which was captured by the "Vengeance"; complains of the treatment of the officers and the confiscation of the goods; begs his intercession to obtain the restitution of the cargo. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 100.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1782. June 20. Versailles.

Waited upon the Comte de Vergennes with Franklin's commands. A meeting to be arranged with Mr. [William Wyndham] Grenville; promises to acquaint Franklin with the result in case he cannot be present. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 101.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 337).

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. June 20. London.

Introducing Mr. Robert Milligan, of Cecil Co., Maryland, who has been studying law in England and designs visiting Paris on his return to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 102.**

From [**Antoine**] **Court de Gebelin.** 1782. June 21. Paris.

Sending a letter from Saussine [XXV, 78½, see p. 481] and another to himself from St. Etienne [XXV, 80]; begs him to discover the whereabouts of the young man in question [M. Boudon]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 103.**

From ——— **Cabaret.** 1782. June 21.

Large size paper necessary to carry out Franklin's orders for the books; sends a sample of the kind needed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 104.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. June 22. Nantes.

Requesting a passport for Mrs. Adams, wife of an American Captain, who goes to join her husband at Amsterdam. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 111.**

From **Benj[amin] Vaughan.** 1782. June 25. London.

Introducing his friend, Dr. Lister, who is much esteemed in Edinburgh and London; any civility shown him will be much appreciated by himself as well as by Franklin's dissenting friends in London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 105.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. June 26. Nantes.

Enclosing copy of a letter from Brest; no doubt that the prize in question belongs to the captors; begs Franklin to state the case to M. de Castries. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 112.**

From **Moses Young.** 1782. June 26. London.

Introducing Mr. Cephas Dawes, of Pennsylvania, who settled as a merchant in the West Indies previous to the commencement of the war; a warm friend to the cause of America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 106.**

From **W[illiam] Rawle.** 1782. June 26. Boulogne.

Ordered to the above sea-port by his physician in England; finds he cannot remain without a passport or permission from Paris; begs Franklin's assistance in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 107.**

From ——— **Favi.** 1782. June 27. Paris.

Sending a letter from Mr. Ingen Housz. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 108.**

From ——— **Vernié.** 1782. June 27. Hennebout.

Desiring some news of his brother, who embarked for America in 1777 with the Count de Brétigny. A. L. S.. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 109.**

From **Williams, Moore & Co.** 1782. June 31. L'Orient.

Forwarding papers respecting two prizes brought in by the "Revolution," privateer. Account of some Americans who escaped from English prisons, arrived in Brest, were sent to L'Orient on bread and water, and are now in jail. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 110**

From **[Henry] Grand.** [1782? June.]

Concerning the money paid to Capt. De Freÿ. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 206.**

From **John de Neufville & Son.** 1782. July 1. Amsterdam.

Sending Franklin his letters just received from Boston. Settlement of their business with Mr. Barclay. Decision of the senior member of their firm to retire. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 111.**

From **James Moylan.** 1782. July 5. L'Orient.

Received Franklin's condemnation of the prize "Mary of London," captured by the "Revolution" of Salem; desires judgment to enable him to sell the prize "St. Pierre" of St. André, recaptured from the enemy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 112.**

From **T[homas] Pownall.** 1782. July 5. Richmond.

Proposition for peace. Enclosure concerning emigration. A. L. S. 3 p.

Queries respecting the grounds of emigration and settlement in America. A. L. 4 p. **XXV, 113.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 355).

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1782. July 8. Brussels.

Wishes to know if he has received directions from Robert Morris to pay what is due to him, and when he may draw on him for the money. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 114.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. July 9. Nantes.

Concerning the right of the French Admiralty to confiscate an American prize; importance of a line from Franklin on this subject. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 113.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. July 10. Nantes.

Introducing Major Shirlume. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 114.**

From ——— **De Moullaine.** 1782. July 12. Paris.

On behalf of Mr. Bonneau, desires to know when Franklin will be visible the following afternoon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 116.**

From ——— **Poirey.** 1782. July 12. Paris.

Has had great pleasure in obtaining the portrait Franklin desired; Madame la Marquise de la Fayette desires its return as soon as possible; she has perfect faith in the care Franklin will take of it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 117.**

From ——— **Target.** 1782. July 13. Paris.

Sending an English work addressed to his care by M. de Crevecoeur. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 118.**

By **Louis XVI.** 1782. July 14. [Versailles.]

Decree giving full power and authority to his Minister and Secretary of State, Count de Vergennes, to conduct negotiations with the Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States with a view to ascertain and determine the amounts of money advanced to the latter and the conditions under which these advances were made. D. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) **LV, 8.**

From ——— **d'Artus.** 1782. July 17. Belfort.

On account of his interest in the young man and his attachment to the family, sends the enclosed memoir concerning M. Penet. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

M. Penet, Aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington; his commission in Europe to purchase merchandise for the American army; the fidelity and intelligence with which he acquitted himself; before Congress could advance the needed funds, everything he possessed was seized to meet the payments; request that the account may be adjusted and the young man enabled to return to France. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 119.**

From [**Major Pierre**] **Colomb.** 1782. July 19. Nîmes.

His service in America; his congé received after his long imprisonment in Savannah; his sojourn in Switzerland to recover his health; his wish to return; desires Dr. Franklin to procure him an exchange.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Has no orders to furnish officers with the means of going to America; such exchanges as he desires are made in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 120.**

From **Benj[ami]n West.** 1782. July 19. London.

Introducing Mr. [Benjamin] Green, an artist of distinguished merit in mezzotints and engraving. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 121.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1782. July 20. Passy.

Sends a statement of Mr. Morris's account; instead of contracting new engagements it is necessary to find the means to meet the old ones. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 122.**

From **Baron de Strasser.** 1782. July 20. Simmern.

Embarked for America as one of the Hessian auxiliaries; witnessed many engagements; on his arrival in South Carolina made the lovely Nancy Elliot's acquaintance; induced by the promise of her hand, he asked for his dismissal with the intention of entering the Continental service; obtained his discharge, but was sent back to England and thence to Germany; is now free to accept an appointment in the American army as well as the hand of the fair Nancy; begs Franklin to procure him the former. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXV, 123.**

From **Cephas Dawes.** 1782. July 20. Paris.

Sending English paper of a later date than the ones he delivered the previous day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 124.**

From **Samuel and Moses Myers.** 1782. July 22. Amsterdam.

Are fitting out a brig for Philadelphia called the "Grace Bermuda," for which they desire a commission; have on board a large quantity of State goods which Mr. Thomas Barclay was embarrassed to ship on reasonable terms. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 125.**

From ——— **Dupuy.** 1782. July 23. Paris.

Desires to enter the American army. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 126.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1782. July 23. Nantes.

The capacity of the ship "Argo" both for receiving freight and passengers. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 127.**

From **Marquis de Castries.** 1782. July 24. Paris.

Acknowledging the work sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 131.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. July 25. Nantes.

Informed that the sailors Franklin wrote about to William Moore & Co., are at liberty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 115.**

From [**Lieut.**] **St. Clair** [**de Roslin**]. 1782. July 26. Dunkirk.

Refers Franklin to Mr. Joly for the reason of his detention; general belief in his innocence; solicits Franklin's good offices. Desires to know if Commodore Gillon has arrived in America; will probably have to return to that country to obtain redress for the injury done him by Gillon. His enlistment in the American army caused him to be disinherited in favor of two younger brothers. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 132.**

From **Laurence Joseph Wagner.** 1782. July 26. Trieste.

Desiring to be appointed Consul-General for the United States at Trieste, Fiume and other Austrian ports on the Adriatic; at present serves the States-General in the same capacity; doubts not that he will be able to hold both Consulates. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 134.**

From **C. Drogart.** 1782. July 27. Nantes.

Was connected with the house of Penet, D'Acosta & Co. until their dealings forced him to relinquish all connection with them; desires Franklin to procure him some position. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 138.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1782. July 28. Versailles.

Doubts as to the sincerity of the British Ministry in proposing a negotiation of peace. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 139.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 373; Bigelow, VIII, 136).

From **Henry O'Neill.** 1782. July 28. Tournay.

Reasons why his petition to Franklin, Count d'Aranda and the French Ministry failed; the more the Irish are ill-treated, the more emigrants will flock to America and France to fill the armies; their miserable situation in France and the way they are despised and ill-treated; if he returns and makes known these facts the armies and navy of England may gain many sincere supporters; desires to know if anything will be done for him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 140.**

From **James Hunter.** 1782. July 29. Richmond.

Enclosed letter to be forwarded to Mrs. Strange. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 141.**

From **E. Cayrol & Co.** 1782. July 30.

Requesting a letter of recommendation to Mr. Adams on behalf of their Agent, M. Paul Charlé. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 142.**

From **P[atience] Wright.** 1782. July 30. London.

Enthusiasm for the American cause. Prospect of peace. State of the credit and manufactories. Messages to Franklin from Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Hewson. Possibility of her coming to Paris or of Franklin being summoned to London. Hears that her son [Joseph Wright] is painting Franklin's portrait. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 143.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 216.

From **Cuming & Macarty.** 1782. July 31. L'Orient.

Concerning the prize "Anthony" taken by the brig "Don Galvez"; desires the necessary papers forwarded to them. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "The 'Anthony' from Africa, a brigantine, Capt. George Bevans, of London, taken by the 'Don Galvez,' Capt. Silas Jones, of Salem in New England, the 24th of June, brought into l'Orient." **XXV, 144.**

From ——— **Target.** 1782. July 31.

Read with pleasure the work of M. de Crevecoeur; thinks the author is indebted to Franklin for much of his information; moralizes on ideas engendered by reading the book. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXV, 145.**

From **The Secretary to Louis XVI.** 1782. July. Paris.

Announcing that the King will not see the Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers on the following Tuesday. L. S. de Séqueville. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 146.**

From **Watson & Cossoul.** 1782. August 1. Nantes.

Requesting a commission for their ship "Argo" owned by Samuel R. Irwitt & Co. of America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 147.**

From **Abbé [Poncelin] de La Roche-Tilhac.** 1782. August 2. Paris.

Begging for certain details needed to finish his work on the present condition of America. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 148.**

From **——— Stockar zur Sonnenburg.** 1782. August 3. Schaffhausen.

Very anxious to know Franklin's opinion of Abbé Raynal's History of the Revolution in America, in order that he may translate the work into German. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 149.**

From **Williams, Moore & Co.** 1782. August 5. L'Orient.

Their right to dispose of some powder, taken in a prize consigned to them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 150.**

From **——— d'Artus.** 1782. August 7. Belfort.

Fears that his letter of the 17th ult. miscarried; encloses a copy (2 p.) with the memoir relative to M. Penet [XXV, 119, see p. 488]. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 151.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1782. August 7. Nantes.

Announcing the birth of a daughter. Passage money to America wholly the Captain's perquisite; thinks it could be got a little cheaper than twenty-five guineas. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 116.**

From **A. Bermbach.** 1782. August 8.

Begging him to send the enclosed letter to the Town Council of Philadelphia so that it may be sure to reach Mr. Theodore Mieger. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 152.**

From **A. Bermbach.** 1782. August 8. Niederfelters.

Requests the forwarding of the enclosed requisition of Theodore Mieger, to the authorities in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 57.**

From ——— **De Beauquesne.** 1782. August 11. Paris.

Sending him a new copy of his plan; his present fearful situation enhanced by seeing his daughter obliged to share it; losses he sustained during his imprisonment in England, and his unfortunate ship-wreck at Havre-de-Grace; begs for some assistance; promises to repay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 153.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1782. August 12. Paris.

Sending several models of tombstones. Offers him as a slight mark of his homage, the statue of Pierre Corneille, a copy of the one executed for the King. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 154.**

From ——— **Loyseau.** 1782. August 16. Paris.

In receipt of the most heart-rending letters from the Count de Benyowski, who left for America with letters from Franklin, confident that Congress would give him employment; desires an explanation of such conduct as he has met with from Congress; the Countess is in despair. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 156.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. August 16. Nantes.

Concerning a letter from Tristram Dalton, Esq., of Newburyport, relative to payment for the loss of the brigantine, "Fair Play"; death of his new-born daughter; low state of Mrs. Williams's health. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 117.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. August 17. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Nat[haniel] Barrett and Mr. Frazer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 118.**

From **Henry Johnson.** 1782. August 17. Bordeaux.

Begging him to accept the enclosed bills belonging to an industrious black man in his service. Took on board the "Amazon" four priests, subjects of the King of Sardinia, who were going as missionaries to Quebec; desires to know if they can be held as British subjects and exchanged for four Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXV, 157.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1782. August 18. Paris.

Enclosing for Franklin what he wished; leaves it to him whether the account is natural or not. Will bring the lady they spoke of to visit Franklin; interested in her; inclined to credit her story. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 158.**

From **Hilliard d'Auberteuil.** 1782. August 19. Paris.

Thanking him for the History of Lord North's Administration. Desires him to grant an interview to M. Sobe, who desires a commission from Congress for the merchandise the United States intend to buy in Guyenne. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 159.**

From [**Major**] **P[ierre] Colomb.** 1782. August 19. Nîmes.

Urges his former request for an exchange; needs this to enable him to join his regiment in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 160.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1782. August 20. Vienna.

Thanking him for his letter containing the explanation of the stroke of lightning at Cremona, as well as his favor of the 4th ult. Reasons for thinking there will be a general Congress at Vienna. Tempted to spend his declining years with Franklin in America. Reflections induced by Franklin's experiment with wires. Franklin's remark that it was to the interest of all Europe to prevent a federal connection between Great Britain and the American Free States; gave this extract with some of his reflections thereon to the Emperor. If M. Le Bègue [de Presle] is too busy to take charge of the impression of his book, intends confiding it to M. Le Roy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXV, 161.**

From **W[illiam] Lee.** 1782. August 20. Brussels.

Transcribing XXV, 114 (see p. 487), to which he has received no reply; again requests to know whether Franklin has received these instructions from Mr. [Robert] Morris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 161½.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1782. August 20. Dunkirk.

Mr. Samuel Mansfield, Captain in the service of the United States, who escaped from an English prison and arrived in France is destitute of means. Furnished him on Franklin's account with the necessary sum to defray his expenses to Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 162.**

From **Madame Sorin.** 1782. August 25. Passy.

Begging him to forward the four packets by four different vessels. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 163.**

From ——— **Cousturier.** 1782. August 25. Saissac.

Has served France in all the wars in Germany; desires to see America and to fight under Gen. Washington; begs Franklin to grant him some military employment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 164.**

From **Comte de Grasse.** 1782. August 25. Paris.

Begging Franklin, as a personal favor, to release the English Captain, Henry Asgill. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXV, 166.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 209.

From **Le Comte de Grasse.** 1782. August 26. Paris.

Asking that the annexed letter [XXV, 166] be forwarded to the President of Congress. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXV, 167.**

From **J[uliana] Ritchie.** 1782. August 27. Cambray.

The report confirmed of her husband's death; expects to return to her father and family in London; offers to undertake any commission for Franklin. Never expects to see Philadelphia again. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXV, 168.**

From **J. Hill.** 1782. August 31. Paris.

Desires to know the success of his application to the Spanish Ambassador for a passport. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXV, 169.**

From **Isaac All.** 1782. September 3. Nantes.

Has fitted out a few ships and expects to sail in four or five weeks; happy to execute any commands with which he may entrust him. Hears that he has several anchors at his disposal; applies for one. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 1.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. September 3. Paris.

Has returned the papers relative to the consular powers; has only one suggestion to make; thinks the Consuls and Vice-Consuls ought to be left at liberty to carry on what commerce they please. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 2.**

From **Henry Laurens.** 1782. September 3. Nantes.

Acknowledging his kindness. Waiting for permission to reenter England and embark for New York; desires the necessary passport for leaving France with his son, two daughters and a domestic. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 3.**

From [**C. W. F.**] **Dumas.** 1782. September 4. The Hague.

Departure for France of Mr. [Gerard van de] Brantsen, Minister Plenipotentiary of Holland to treat with M. de Berkenrode concerning the preliminaries of a general peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 221.**

From **Samuel Cooper.** 1782. September 6. Boston.

His kinsman [William Cooper], whom he feared was a prisoner, has arrived here with many others of his countrymen. Fears the defeat of Count de Grasse in the West Indies will encourage the Court of London to continue the war. Current reports and disposition of the British forces. The Marquis de Vaudreuil, with thirteen ships of the line and several frigates, arrived from the West Indies to repair; every courtesy extended to the Marquis. The "Magnifique" of 74 guns went aground and it is feared is lost. It is proposed with general unanimity that Congress give the 74-gun ship at Portsmouth to the King to supply the place of the "Magnifique." An English fleet of 25 sails of the line arrived near the Chesapeake. Never approved of Mr. [John] Temple's going to England and to Lord North to oppose the representations of Galloway. Mr. Temple claims great merit for procuring and sending to this country the Hutchinson letters. To this Judge [James] Sullivan opposes your advertisement in a London paper and a letter of Mr. Temple in which he declares he had nothing to do with them. Recommends Mr. Jonathan Amory of Boston to his attention. Is now residing in Brussels. He took the oath of allegiance to the King but now desires to return to this country. A. L. 5 p. **XLIV, 52.**

From [**Palteau de**] **Veimerange.** 1782. September 6. Paris.

Account of the detention at Rochefort of the vessels, "Achilles," "Maurice" and "Maria Theresa," loaded with merchandise for the United States; Captain of the "Maria Theresa" wishes that part of his cargo be removed, as he fears damage; such an operation sure to be expensive; begs Franklin to take some action in the matter. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 4.**

From **Macé de Vaudoré.** 1782. September 8. Nantes.

His services in America since 1778, as Aide-de-camp to Col. Armand; only returned to France to re-establish his health; wishes to go back; begs Franklin to present the enclosed memoir [1 p.] to the Minister, that he may obtain the commission of Captain and a donation for his trip over. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 7.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. September 10. Nantes.

Concerning a catalogue of the "Marquis de la Fayette's" cargo just received; sends it back with certain notes and marks. Mrs. Williams much better. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 119.**

From ——— **Bucaille.** 1782. September 10. St. Omer.

Applies to Franklin to obtain a debt owing him by M. de Monneron, Engineer in the service of the United States; his embarrassing situation, due to the loss of such a considerable sum of money; encloses copy [1 p.] of the two notes of indebtedness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 9.**

From **Henry Laurens.** 1782. September 10. Nantes.

Advices received from England oblige him to start on his journey within forty-eight hours; begs Franklin to send his passport to Calais where it will overtake him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 10.**

From [**Lieut.**] **St. Clair de Roslin.**
1782. September 11. Royal Prison, Dunkirk.

Kindness of the Prince of Robecq; begs that measures may be taken to obtain his release. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 11.**

From **Président Pigault de Lepinoy.** 1782. September 11. Calais.

No monument worthy of Franklin's greatness; the objects which have aided him in his career will assume to the possessor a precious importance; an engraving of Franklin, a pair of spectacles and one of the pens which traced the glory and safety of America— these represent his heart's desire; will Franklin refuse them to him? A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 12.**

From [Lieut.] **St. Clair de Roslin.**

1782. September 11. Royal Prison, Dunkirk.

Innocent of the charge for which he has been confined during three months; had nothing to do with the arrest of the Captain of the Dutch corsair; persuaded if Franklin explains the affair to Comte de Ségur, there will be an end to his imprisonment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 13.**

From **Mary Macatter and Amy Kelly,** *alias* **Grumly.**

1782. September 12. Dunkirk.

Acquainting Franklin with the distressing situation of their husbands, Capt. Edward Macatter and Capt. John Kelly (*alias* Grumly); the former a prisoner in London, the latter in Dublin; money owing them from the sale of prizes by John Torris; the villainy and deceit of Torris; if the liquidation of the prizes could be obtained, something might be done; beg Franklin to intercede on their behalf. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 6.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. September 13. L'Orient.

Asking for a commission to command a letter of marque for Capt. Thomas Bell, commander of the "Renette" bound from l'Orient to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 14.**

From ——— **Bouchet.** 1782. September 14. Paris.

Asks for a packet of clothing for Madame Williams at Nantes; his carriage commodious; will bear anything Franklin would like to send. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 15.**

From **Rev. John Carroll.** 1782. September 15.

Franklin may remember him by the campaign into Canada; begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVI, 16.**

From **Samuel Beall.** 1782. September 16. Williamsburg.

At Mrs. [Ann] Evans's request, encloses letters and bill of exchange for her daughter, Mrs. [Ann] Loviel; Mrs. Evans's strong desire to have her daughter back in Virginia; has promised to pay Mrs. Loviel's passage to the Captain of any vessel who will take her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 17.**

From **Samuel Beall.** 1782. September 16. Williamsburg.

At the desire of Mrs. [Ann] Evans, asks Dr. Franklin to assist her daughter, Mrs. [Ann] Loviel, to return from France to Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 98.**

From **[Dr. François Xavier] Schwediauer.** 1782. September 17. Paris.

Is a physician from Vienna and a fellow-traveler of Dr. Ingen Housz in his last journey to England; desires to communicate a plan for a code of penal laws, which might prove useful to any nation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVI, 18.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782. September 17. Paris.

Announcing the birth of a daughter. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 19.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1782. September 18. Paris.

Sending a copy of the Manual of Epictetus, in Greek, which he is at present printing. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 20.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1782. September 20. Pisa.

Introducing Dr. Burrows; to her great regret, he and his family are going to England; any attention Franklin may show him she will consider as a personal favor. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 21.**

From **——— Perregaux.** 1782. September 21. Paris.

Begging the acceptance of a bill of exchange. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 22.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. September 21. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Nathaniel Nelson; his reason for going to Ireland; begs Franklin to grant him the necessary passport. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 120.**

From **[Antoine Louis] Brongniart.** 1782. September 22. Paris.

Obtained from the sculptor he mentioned to Franklin two drawings of fair-sized medals, and two designs of the same subject from a painter of his acquaintance; desires to know when and where he can show them to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 24.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. September 23. L'Orient.

Seconding the request of Captains [Alexander] Cain, [James] Josiah and [Richard]Deale, of the ships "St. James," "Lady Washington" and "Queen of France." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 25.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. September 24. Nantes.

Proposing a speedy method of exchanging a number of prisoners. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 121.**

From **J[ean] B[aptiste] de Loose.** 1782. September 25. Ghent.

Begging for a passport for a vessel sailing from Ostend. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Has no authority to give such passports, and if he had, it would be of no use. **XXVI, 26.**

From **B[enjamin] Lincoln.** 1782. September 25. War Office, Phila.

Ordered by Congress to prepare and lay before them a state of the pay, rations and subsistence of the officers and men in the European armies; begs Franklin to furnish him with such details concerning the armies of France, Spain and Germany. Fine condition of the American army; compliment paid the troops by Count [de] Rochambeau; splendid conduct of the French troops; friendship existing between the two allied armies. **XXVI, 27.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 413).

From ——— **Petit.** 1782. September 26. Paris.

M. de Villiers has constructed a watch on original lines; desires to place this invention before him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 28.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. September 30. Brest.

Concerning the American supplies at Brest and the scarcity of proper vessels in which to carry them; does not advise shipping any of them as long as there is a probability of the Court of France sending them; necessity of getting them off in time for the next campaign. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVI, 29.**

From ——— ———. 1782. September.

Account of the daily consumption of wine, beer, etc., at Dr. Franklin's table. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 31 and 32.**

From **[Caleb] Whitefoord and [Richard] Oswald.**
[1782.] October 1. Paris.

Promising to dine with Franklin; sending the letter relative to Capt. Blair; hope for a favorable answer to Gen. Conway's request. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 79.**

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1782. October 1. Paris.

Concerning bills of exchange. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 30.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1782. October 2. Vienna.

Found an account of Père Barletti's pamphlet in an Italian journal. Hopes Franklin has not laid aside his reflections on the new fire-place which has the form of a vase or urn. Trusts his admonition will have some effect on Mr. Samuel Wharton and his son. Message sent by Sir Robert Murray Keith to the Dutch Envoy at Vienna, to the effect that seven of the thirteen American provinces had submitted to the English government; desires to know whether there is any foundation for such a report. New and important discoveries he has made in vegetables. Experiment of burning wire. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 31.**

From **Rod[olp]h Valltravers.** 1782. October 2. Vienna.

All his attempts to recover his sacrificed property from the German vultures have failed. Expects to leave shortly for Venice where he will be happy to receive Franklin's commands; thinks he might be useful in sounding the general disposition of the Venetian state towards America, and in bringing them over to the support of their sister-republic. Grants of land made to him in New York and Georgia. His belief in legal and equal liberty. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVI, 32.**

From **Comtesse de Pouteney.** 1782. October 3. Paris.

Had the honor of dining with Franklin four years before, on the eve of her departure for Italy; has just returned, bringing a letter in her favor from the Queen of Italy to the Queen of France; expects to go to Passy the following day for her answer, and begs permission to spend the time she may have to wait at Franklin's house. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 33.**

From **The Ambassador of the Emperor [of Austria].** 1782. October 4.

Will forward the package addressed to Mr. Ingen Housz, which Franklin has sent him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 53.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1782. October 7. L'Orient.

Acknowledging his of the 30th ult., with the enclosures for Captains [Alexander] Cain, [James] Josiah and [Richard] Deale, who are extremely obliged. Begs Franklin to order everything done to accelerate the speedy condemnation of the prize ship "Lion." Three American ships of force in port, which will sail for Philadelphia between the 15th and 20th. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 34.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1782. October 7. London.

Heard with great concern of his illness. Entertaining time she had at Bath. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 35.**

From ——— **Le Fort.** 1782. October 7. Marseilles.

Requesting him to use his interest with Congress to obtain indemnity for them. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 35½.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. October 8. Brest.

Impossibility of forwarding the supplies at the expense of the French Court; suggests various channels by which they may be shipped. News of the arrival at Boston of Capt. Grinnell with 2,500 suits of clothing. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVI, 36.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1782. October 8. Forbach.

After five months of travel and work has returned to the Countess of Forbach; regret to hear his health is not what it was; delighted to hear of the rich prizes lately brought in at l'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 37.**

From ——— **Regnier.** 1782. October 12. Paris.

Making a collection of the laws of the United States; his first volume presented to the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, who approved his design of publishing a second volume; desires permission to copy certain

documents which may not be in his collection and to submit the order and plan of his work to Franklin's criticism and advice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 38.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. October 14. London.

Glad Franklin is better; can't afford to lose him yet. Has been promised that the 120 American prisoners should be sent to l'Orient as soon as a vessel could be got ready. Money he advanced to Capt. Houston before he left Forton Prison; desires to know if the bill will be honored in l'Orient; if so, wishes the money sent to Mr. Wright for the picture which he is expecting. Question of the French Ministry continuing the war after America's claims have been adjusted. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 39.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** 1782. October 14. Paris.

Sending four letters of recommendation for Sir [Edward] Newenham. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 47b.**

From **Joshua Preble.** 1782. October 16. Tenterden.

Had the misfortune to be captured by the "Intrepid" while serving as Captain of the sloop "Retaliation"; at present is on parole; begs Franklin to loan him ten or twelve pounds; his father is Jedediah Preble of Falmouth, and one of the Council of Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 40.**

From **George Washington.**

1782. October 18. Head Quarters, State of New York.

Acknowledging Franklin's favors of April 2d and 8th delivered to him by the Comte de Ségur and the Prince de Broglie; promise of attention to these distinguished young noblemen. Reasons for fearing a continuance of their present troubles. Condition of military affairs. A. L. S. 3 p. (Duplicate.) **XXVI, 41.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 421; Bigelow, VIII, 199).

From **Capt. Niebelschütz.** 1782. October 18. Wesel.

Desiring news of Frantz Siegfried de Wutsen, a resident of Magdeburg, who passed from the Prussian to the American service and embarked for the United States in 1777; since then his family have heard nothing of him; importance of ascertaining whether he be alive or dead. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 42.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1782. October 18. Sanois.

Desiring him to forward the enclosed packet; it is the property of M. St. Jean de Crevecoeur, who desires particularly to know if Franklin received a work he sent him on the troubles and disasters of America. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.)

E. by M. de Musset-Pathay concerning the Comtesse d'Houdetot. **XXVI, 43.**

From **Girardot, Haller & Co.** 1782. October 18. Paris.

Introducing Mr. Housberg, head of a cast-iron foundry, whose proposals they trust will meet with Franklin's approval. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 44.**

From **P. Penet.** 1782. October 20. Belfort.

Obliged to suspend payment and to go into retirement; is trying to come to some agreement with his creditors. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 45.**

From **M. Auer.** 1782. October 21. Ebingen.

Thanking him for his generous action on behalf of the widow Höcklerin; desires to know how she is to obtain the sum of money and how much it will be in the coin of the Realm. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The sum is in the hands of M. Frederic Grand; Mrs. Höcklerin can draw it in such a manner as she shall be advised. **XXVI, 23.**

From **R. Bingel.** 1782. October 21. Hoymb.

Concerning the estate of Johann Gottfried Schmidt. His son, Johann Friedrich, settled as preacher in Germantown, Pennsylvania, 15 years ago. A. L. S. 1 p. **LIX, 40, 41 and 42.**

From [**Jacques François**] **Crespin.** 1782. October 22. Dunkirk.

The unfortunates who served on the "Revenge," Capt. Conyngham, disappointed again and again in the hope of obtaining their share of the prize-money; in danger at present of being turned into the street; begs Franklin to intercede with Mr. Richard Bache to procure their just dues. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 46.**

From **James Calhoun.** 1782. October 24.

Capt. Harrison's protest against the misconduct of the commander of the frigate "Em[e]r(o)[au]d[e]," whose desertion at a critical moment caused his ship the "Jolly Tar" to be taken by the English and carried to New York; detailed account of the whole affair. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 47.**

From **Capt. [Joshua] Barney.** 1782. October. Paris.

Accepting invitation for dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVI, 49.**

From **W[illia]m T[emple] Franklin.** [1782. October.]

Oath of office as Secretary of the Commissioners. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LVIII, 79.**

From **Cuming & Macarty.** 1782. November 1. L'Orient.

Return Capt. Houston's bill accepted. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 50.**

From **Abbés de Chalut and Arnoux.** 1782. November 4. Paris.

Sending him the answer received from the Commandant of Lyons. [See XXVI, 48] in regard to their letter of recommendation to Sir [Edward] Newenham. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 51.**

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1782. November 6. Paris.

Will wait upon Franklin the following Saturday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVI, 52.**

From **Abbés de Chalut et Arnoux.** 1782. November 6. Paris.

Desiring him to lend them the two volumes of Chinese memoirs. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 54.**

From [**Pahin Champlain**] **de la Blancherie.** 1782. November 7. Paris.

Desires the death certificate of M. de Troye, Lieutenant in Pulaski's Legion, who died at Charlestown and was buried there on December 21st, 1779; also wishes Mr. [John] Adams's address. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 55.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1782. November 8.

Has been asked to write an eulogy on the late Sir John Pringle, to be read at their next public meeting [of the Royal Society of Medicine]; knowing this celebrated physician to have been a great friend of Franklin applies to him for details of his life and works. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 56.**

From **Jon[a]th[an] Trumbull.** 1782. November 9. Lebanon.

Reminds him of the circumstances of the institution of the University of Dartmouth in New Hampshire; Dr. [Eleazar] Wheelock's indefatigable labors to civilize and christianize the native Indians; this work interrupted by the war; Dr. Wheelock's son [John] now the president, who, in order to bring the institution to perfection, is authorized by the trustees to solicit benefactions in France and Holland; recommends him to Franklin's assistance and patronage. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 57.**

From **La Société Typographique.** 1782. November 10. Lausanne.

A subscriber to their encyclopaedia of 39 volumes; by this time he will have received all the volumes, therefore they beg him to send the price of the subscription to M. Grand, banker in Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 58.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1782. November 12. Marseilles.

Fears that the British Janus does not intend to deal fairly by the Kingdom of Ireland in the expected treaty of peace; wishes to know if Ireland is particularly mentioned; has written a public letter to the men of Ireland advising them to demand this of their King; encloses a copy [1 p.]; has delayed sending it until he hears from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 59.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1782. November 13. Marseilles.

Nothing very interesting in Irish politics; Lord Temple more assiduous and more prodigal in offers to corrupt the Parliament than any of his predecessors. The British Ministry determined to push the raising of 5,000 fencibles. Respect and admiration for Franklin. Expects to convey to Ireland the valuable present of Franklin's bust, from which he expects to have many models made. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 60.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1782. November 14. Marseilles.

Recommending Mr. John Christopher Hornbostel for Chief Consul for Provence and Languedoc. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 61.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. November 14. London.

Delay in exchange caused by the Government having no ships for that service. Asked to propose to Franklin to exchange Lieut.-Col. Tarleton for two Captains of American privateers; England's attitude in hitherto absolutely refusing to acknowledge any rank in Americans taken and brought into England; thinks this proposition is due to the Heir-Apparent at the instigation of a beautiful lady who bestows her favors occasionally on both him and Lieut.-Col. ———; Mr. [Henry] Laurens returned from Bath and intends going to Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 62.**

From [Charles Joseph] **Panckouche.** 1782. November 14.

Sending him the enclosed letter. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 63.**

From **Charles Quentin Racine.** 1782. November 14. Saint Quentin.

Served on the "Bon Homme Richard" under Paul Jones, when he captured the "Serapis"; demands his share of the prize-money. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 64.**

From **Jno. Thaddeus de Ehet.** 1782. November 16. Augsburg.

The independence of the United States will shortly be recognized by all the powers of Europe; offers his services at Augsburg, in matters of politics, commerce, and jurisprudence. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 65.**

From **Johann Thaddeus de Ehet.** 1782. November 16. Augsburg.

An Agent or Chargé d'Affaires for the United States will be needed at every large German city. Offers his services. A. L. S. 4 p. **LIX, 51.**

From ——— **de Pio.** 1782. November 16. Paris.

Desiring to know if Franklin received a letter from M. Filangieri of Naples, the author of an essay on legislation,[1] who wishes to merit the esteem of the greatest philosopher of the New World. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 66.**

[1] Scienza della Legislazione, Naples, 1780.

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1782. November 16. Madrid.

Introducing the Comte de Rechteien. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 67.**

From ——— **de Maisonneuve-Dommartin.** 1782. November 21. Nancy.

Informed that a History of the Revolution has been written in America; desires to know where he may obtain a copy; being prevented from fighting for the Colonies, wishes to render them a service by translating this history into French. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 68.**

From **Cohin et Coinge.** 1782. November 22. Bellême.

Have been defrauded by M. P. Penet; the merchandise supplied at his request was destined for Virginia, therefore they apply to Franklin, as the representative of the United States in France, to obtain payment for these goods. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 69.**

From [**Sir Evan**] **Nepean.** 1782. November 23.

Papers and letters relative to complaints of the treatment of British prisoners in America. 4 p. **LVI(i), 87.**

From [**Lady**] **Juliana Penn.** 1782. November 23. London.

Begging his assistance and protection in recovering the rights and possessions of an unfortunate family; he knows their losses too well to need an account of them; aware that Lord Shelburne has authorized Mr. [Samuel] Vaughan to back her application, but would rather rely on the justice of her cause; adopts Franklin for the guardian of William Penn's grandchildren. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 70.**

From **Nathaniel Fanning.** 1782. November 23. Dunkirk Gaol.

His arrest and imprisonment on the charge that his crew pillaged a neutral vessel; disclaims any knowledge of it; declares the orders on his vessel ["The Eclipse"] were very strict against plundering neutral vessels; thinks a captain cannot always prevent such unlawful proceedings; comes of a reputable family in New London; feels his character much injured by such treatment; implores Franklin's intercession on his behalf. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 71.**

From ——— **Arnauld.** 1782. November 26. Belleville.

As the director of a school intended for young noblemen, begs Franklin to recommend it to the Americans who intend educating their children in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 72.**

From **Robert Pigott.** 1782. November 26. Geneva.

Saw Franklin's grandson and his companion Jeanet; praises both boys. **XXVI, 73.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II. 227.

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1782. November 27. Vienna.

Anxious about Mr. Samuel Wharton's principles; cannot believe his crime is a worse one than a neglect to write; Dr. Bancroft's behavior inspires him with the most unfavorable suspicions; reasons why he can ill afford to lose any more money; begs Franklin to obtain from Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Wharton's original letters, look them over and report on them. Result of his controversy with Dr. Priestley; will follow Franklin's good advice about abstaining from polemics. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 74.**

From ——— **des Rosières.** 1782. November 27. Chateau de Vincennes.

Begging a passage to America for a clever youth called Minet; the sooner he leaves Paris the better; his ability will enable him to become a printer or engage in any other work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 75.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1782. November 27. Nantes.

Introducing Captain Geo[rge] Meggs, taken prisoner on his passage from New York to London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 122.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1782. November 29. Vienna.

Acknowledging his favor of November 12th with the welcome contradiction of the reports circulated against America. Dr. Bancroft's letter fails to clear up the matter and Mr. Samuel Wharton's silence remains inexcusable; suspicious nature of certain circumstances. Experiment for burning wire. Cautions Franklin against taking too much medicine; recommends rubbing and exercise. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 76.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 448).

From **N. Leleu.** 1782. November 29. Amiens.

Writes of a young man who desires to go to America and establish himself in commerce; his family too poor to pay his expenses; thought Franklin might get him his passage free. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 77.**

From **Benja[min] Putnam.** 1782. November 30. Bordeaux.

Concerning certain bills of exchange sold to Mr. John Augustus Byrne. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 78.**

From **Marquis de La Salle.** 1782. November 30. Paris.

The [Masonic] Brotherhood of the Nine Sisters desire to send a deputation to Franklin to felicitate him on the approaching peace. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 79.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 228.

From [**Gerard van**] **de Brantsen.** 1782. November. Paris.

Desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to inform him of the audience he had with the King, in his capacity of Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Provinces. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 80.**

From **Baron de Kermelin.** [1782. November.] Paris.

Announcing his intention of waiting upon Franklin the following day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Regrets that he is obliged to be absent from Passy that morning. (In French.) **XL, 194.**

From **John Taylor.** 1782. December 1. Circus, Bath.

Saw in Freeman's Philadelphia Journal, among the names of those who have forfeited their estates, two John Taylors; in great anxiety lest his property should fall under one of them; reasons for his residence in Bath; left America in 1762; his warm attachment to that country; begs Franklin to point out to him what methods he should pursue to reverse the forfeiture, if it has taken place, or prevent it in the future. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 81.**

From **George Walker.** 1782. December 1. Calais.

Reminds Franklin of their old friendship. Refers to his history and that of Barbadoes, and of having fallen a sacrifice to the accursed politics of England; the hurricane completed his ruin; friends he has made in France who hope to interest M. de Vergennes in his behalf; hopes Franklin will co-operate in any scheme for his advantage. Interview he had with Mr. Laurens. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 82.**

From **G[urdon] S. Mumford.** 1782. December 3. Nantes.

Forwarding a letter received by the ship "Non-such" in twenty-two days from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 83.**

From **George Holt.** 1782. December 3. Bolbec.

Asking for a pass or exchange to enable him to go to England; has written to the Secretary of the Marine Department, craving his release; begs Franklin to use his friendship with the Marquis de Castries; comes from Hudson Bay and has been four years from home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 84.**

From **Du Trembley, Comtesse de la Brosse.** 1782. December 4. Void.

Her brother served in the Count de Rochambeau's army in America; retired with the rank of Captain to an estate near Williamsburg, Va.; has forgotten apparently to send her directions how to write to him; begs Franklin to forward the enclosed in his next packet to Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 85.**

From **Heinrich Hartmann Zeller** (Curate).
1782. December 4. Nussbaum, Württemberg.

Inquiry concerning Johann Jacob Hoefle, cooper, who went to Philadelphia in 1744. In 1750 he worked for Michel Diel or Thiel. Since then nothing has been heard of him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 52.**

The same inquiry. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 86.**

From **[Phillipe Henri, Marquis] de Ségur.**
1782. December 5. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in sending him a packet arrived from Nantes. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 86.**

From **Thomas Wren.** 1782. December 5. Portsmouth.

Certifying that James Carr was in the service of the United States and sailed for Philadelphia on the ship "Active"; was captured by the British ship "Proserpine" and detained many months a prisoner at Forton, where he conducted himself with great propriety and good behavior. A. D. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 87.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1782. December 5. Warwick [R. I.].

Acknowledging Franklin's letter by Comte de Ségur; her opinion of this gentleman. News of his sister [Mecom] who is low-spirited at not hearing from him. Her son Ray highly spoken of by the President and tutors of the College. Sufferings of the inhabitants of Rhode Island. News of various old friends. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 88.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 233.

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.**

1782. December 6. On board the " Censeur," Brest Road.

Account of the fleet being driven back by the wind. Impatiently awaiting information on their money affairs. M. de Rayneval's speedy return makes him hope peace is not far distant. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 89.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 231.

From **Mr. Bollan.** [1782.] December 7.

Desires to see Franklin about an urgent matter relating to himself. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 130.**

From ——— [**de**] **St. Auban.** 1782. December 8. Paris.

Reasons why he has not been able to have the honor of Franklin's company at dinner; hopes he has completely recovered from his late indisposition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 90.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1782. December 9. Paris.

The annexed letter to M. de Vergennes [2 p.] contains some ideas engendered by his last conversation with Franklin; if the letter is not presented, begs Franklin at least to ask for the payments he points out; these are indispensable. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 91.**

From [**Capt.**] **Joshua Barney.** 1782. December 9. L'Orient.

Enumerates the vessels at l'Orient; their time of sailing uncertain; his ship ready to start at a moment's warning. Congratulates him on the conclusion of a war, which must terminate so favorably for America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 92.**

From ——— **de Vyssery de Bois-Valée.** 1782. December 10. St. Omer.

Concerning a lightning-rod which he erected on his grounds which terrorized the town and brought upon him an order from the police to destroy it in twenty-four hours as a dangerous invention; memoir he has written on the subject; the trial is to take place in Paris; awaits the result with extreme impatience. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXVI, 93.

From **Ja[me]s Calhoun.** 1782. December 11.

Deposition of Captain John Carey, sworn to before James Calhoun, Justice of the Peace at Baltimore, setting forth the abominable treatment he and his ship were subjected to by a French frigate. A. D. S. 2 p.

XXVI, 94.

From **Joseph Priestley.** 1782. December 12.

Account of his latest experiment in turning pure water into air; deductions he draws from this concerning the early formation of the earth. L. 1 p. (In French. Copy.) **XXVI, 95.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1782. December 12. London.

Announcing their safe arrival after a quick passage. Desires Franklin's sentiments upon the probability of a final issue. Informed at the State Office that advices had been received from New York in which Congress absolutely refused to comply with the agreement made relative to the exchange of prisoners; desirous of having this explained; chance of a ship being sent to l'Orient very soon; asks that all the English prisoners may be collected together at that port; repeated request for the release of Lieut.-Col. Tarleton and Col. Simcoe. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXVI, 96.

From ——— **Autheaume.** 1782. December 12. Rennes.

Account of himself, and his present position as a manufacturer at Rennes; difficulties he encounters in commerce; his desire to trade with America; encloses a letter from Messrs. Lacaze and Mallet of Philadelphia [2 p.] to prove his connection with that firm; begs Franklin to assist him to enlarge his business. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 97.**

From [**Alleyne**] **Fitz-Herbert.** [1782.] December 12. Paris.

Inviting Dr. Franklin and Mr. Franklin to dine with him at the Hôtel du Parc Royal. L. 1 p. **XLIII, 176.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1782. December 12. Forbach.

The Comtesse de Forbach begs Franklin to take charge of the enclosed packet for her eldest son. Awaiting with impatience the first news of peace. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 98.**

From **Comte de Lacépède.** 1782. December 12. Agen.

His profound admiration for Franklin; this is shown in the first part of his "Physique Générale et Particulière" which he is about to publish. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 99.**

From ——— **Le Baron.** 1782. December 14. Dieppe.

Pleasure he experienced at hearing that England was about to recognize the independence of America; congratulating Franklin. Desires to know if the Imperial flag can enter, without danger, the ports of Boston and Philadelphia, charged with merchandise for Ostend. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 100.**

From **The Ambassador of Sweden.** 1782. December 14. Paris.

Proposes to call on Franklin tomorrow forenoon to confer with him about important matters. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 54.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1782. December 15. Chaillot.

Impossible to obtain the certificate Mr. Deane desires until M. de Beaumarchais returns. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 101.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1782. December 15. Rouen.

Congratulates Franklin on obtaining peace and gaining liberty for his country. Reminds Franklin to spend some day with them before he returns to the land of promise. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 102.**

From **Sam[ue]l Vaughan.** 1782. December 16. London.

Introducing Lady Juliana Penn to whose case he doubts not Franklin will pay due attention. Congratulates him on the provisional steps taken towards peace; expects to embark for America as soon as that desirable end is attained. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 103.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1782. December 16. L'Orient.

Sending a packet just arrived from Philadelphia. All the public goods now on their way to Nantes and l'Orient; will wait however to see the result of the present negotiations. Ships now at l'Orient loading for Philadelphia; freight demanded for carrying the public goods extravagantly high; however expects to get them all shipped in good time. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 104.**

From **R. Bingel.** 1782. December 16. Haÿm en haute Saxe.

Begging Franklin to send the enclosed to Mr. Schmidt at Germantown. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 105.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** 1782. December 17. Paris.

Sending a work published by Abbé de Mably, which the author presents to Dr. Franklin. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 47a.**

From ——— **Geoffroy.** 1782. December 18.

Acknowledging the receipt of Franklin's letter to the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 106.**

From ——— **Perregaux.** 1782. December 18. Paris.

Sending a package which he received for him from London. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 16.**

From **Mamboumel de Saradin.**

1782. December 19. Levigny near Mâcon.

His many discoveries and inventions; reason why the Académie des Sciences is prejudiced against his work; value to America of his discoveries in the perfecting of agriculture. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 108.**

From ——— **Favi.** 1782. December 20. Paris.

Sending Franklin a portrait which arrived from Vienna, care of the Comte de Mercy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 109.**

From **Erdmann Frédéric Senff.** 1782. December 21. Dürrenberg.

Has devoted his life to the production and preparation of salt; has read in the Gazette of the want of salt in America; lays before Franklin a project to form an establishment in America for the preparation of salt in various ways for the public. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 110.**

From **Rod[olp]h Valltravers.** 1782. December 24. Vienna.

Introducing Mr. [de] Kampl, Counsellor of His Majesty's finances; his peculiar taste and genius for mechanical inventions; description of a life-size mechanical chess-player, one of his inventions, also a child of four or five years, who can utter the first articulated sounds. His own ruined state; his fondest wish is to be employed in the service of the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVI, 111.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1782. December 24.

Enclosing a letter for Mr. L[aurens]; thanks him for his kind attention to a certain proposal. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 112.**

From **Iph. Hirigoyen.** 1782. December 24. Nantes.

There being no Consul of the United States at Nantes, applies to him for a passport for the vessel the "Camberwell," which is ready to depart at the first favorable moment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 113.**

From **Henry Laurens.** 1782. December 24. Paris.

Requesting Franklin to find a place in his despatches for the enclosed letter to Robert R. Livingston. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVI, 115.**

From **La Nouvelle Librairie de la Cour.**
1782. December 24. Mannheim.

Importance attaching to a knowledge of the great Greek and Roman writers; their plan of bringing out at extremely reasonable rates, editions of the Roman writers of the Golden Age; desires Franklin to take a certain number of each author, for distribution in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 116.**

From **Comte d'Albon.** 1782. December 25. Franconville.

Sends Franklin his work; believes him to be the creator of America's independence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 117.**

From **James Carr.** 1782. December 25. Cherbourg.

Was second mate and carpenter of the brigantine "Active," captured by the British on her passage from Philadelphia; imprisoned in England; made his escape with five others in a small sloop; question whether she will be condemned or no; begs Franklin's intercession in their behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 118.**

From **J. Tahon.** 1782. December 27. Armentières.

Enclosing a letter which he begs may be forwarded to his brother in Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 119.**

From **Jacques François Crespin** *et al.* 1782. December 27. Dunkirk.

Franklin's favor of Aug. 12th, 1781, gave the poor unfortunates of the "Revenge" hope of a speedy payment of their dues; since then, they have received nothing; bitter complaints of their treatment; implores Franklin to take some steps in their behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 120.**

From **Benjamin Putnam.** 1782. December 28. Paris.

On his passage to North Carolina will stop at New Providence [Bahamas] in the hope of procuring a clearance of a cargo of tobacco from that island to Europe; desires any assistance Franklin may render him, if it is only a certificate to the Governor, of his being a subject of the United States; expects to leave his affairs in the hands of Mr. Ridley. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 121.**

From **David Barclay.** 1782. December 28. Youngsbury, Herts.

Informed of Lady Juliana Penn's intention to go to Paris as an advocate for the representatives of the founder of Pennsylvania; reasons why he did not offer his personal services; thinks this letter will be delivered by his intimate and worthy friend, Richard Penn, who inherits the traits of his great ancestor; his hopes of meeting Franklin in England. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVI, 122.**

From **Escaped American Seamen.** 1782. December 30.

Petition from six American seamen who escaped from Forton prison, seized a fishing boat and landed at Cherbourg. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 34.**

From **Rod[olp]h Valltravers.** 1782. December 30. Vienna.

Introducing M. de Kampl, mentioned in his last. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVI, 123.**

From **John Dickinson.** 1782. December 30. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. Benjamin Morris, the youngest son of Mr. Samuel Morris. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVI, 124.**

From **Soeur Marie du St. Esprit.** 1782. December. Paris.

Offering Franklin their good wishes; their confidence in his charity makes them hope for the continuation of his gifts. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVI, 125.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 235.

From **Bethia Alexander.** [*Circa* 1782.] St. Germain.

Reminding Franklin of their rendezvous at the Chateau of Marly; permission obtained to eat in the gardens or in the pavillion; names of those who are coming; provisions already purchased. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 156.**

From **Bethia Alexander.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Sends Franklin the Scotch songs which he desired. Mme. [la Comtesse] de la Marck thanks him for the seeds and would like to get some more seeds of American plants for her hot-house. Assures Franklin of her affection for him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 271.**

From [**William**] **Alexander.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Offering Franklin a seat in their carriage to Choisy. L. in 3d P. 1 p. A. E. by Franklin. The party consists of Mme. Helvétius and the Alexander family, has accepted, and will return to Passy as early in the evening as circumstance will permit, and perhaps to dinner. **XL, 140.**

From [**William**] **and Miss** [**Bethia**] **Alexander.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Arranging for Franklin to dine with them and meet Madame Helvétius. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 117.**

From **Hilliard d'Auberteuil.** [1782.]

Sending Franklin a little work of his. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 155.**

From **Chevalier de Baillivy.** [*Circa* 1783.] April 15. Paris.

He and his brother desire to obtain employment in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 112.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** [1782?] Passy.

Inviting him to a plain dinner at 3 o'clock to meet Mr. Walpole. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 94.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. Barclay and Mr. Ridley.**

[*Circa* 1782.] Thursday. Auteuil.

Accepting invitation to dine with him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 129.**

From **Baronne de Bourdic.** [*Circa* 1782.] ——— 20. Paris.

Sending him the promised translation of the letter; found it a difficult task, having quitted her native land [Germany] at the age of four; asks pardon for the delay and begs to see him again before returning home. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 95.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1782.] Wednesday morning.

Unable to breakfast with him to-morrow. Expects he will call in the evening to play a game of chess with her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 59.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1782.] Wednesday.

Count Stroganoff has invited her and some friends to go to Sèvres to see a porcelain service made for the Empress of Russia. Asks Franklin if he wishes to go with them. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 61.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1782.] Wednesday.

Will call with her friends on their return from Sèvres to take tea with Franklin. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 52.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Mme. Davies and Mme. Brillon await Franklin who had promised to come on Sunday evening to the salon of Passy. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 106.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1782.] Tuesday morning.

Reply to Franklin's inquiries about her health. Is going to Paris to consult her doctor. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 66.**

From ——— **Cabaret.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Defending himself against Franklin's complaint that his paper is excessively clear. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 31.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1782?]

List of papers furnished by M. de Chaumont in support of his account with Franklin. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LIV, 125(1).**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [1782?]

Account with the United States. Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 4.**

From **St. Jean** [**de Crevecoeur.** *Circa* 1782.]

Desired the Marquis de Castries to send Franklin the edict relative to the establishment of five packet boats; wishes Franklin's observations thereon. Begs him to tell the Comtesse d'Houdetot where she can get the big wire for a second electrical rod. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 103.**

From **Cuming and Macarty.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Desiring the necessary orders for the sale of the two prizes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 32.**

From ——— ———. [1782?]

With reference to Dr. Franklin's accounts. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVI, 65.**

From **Dangirard freres.** 1782. Paris.

A proposal for freighting vessels to America. D. 5 p. (In French.) **LXI, 53-55.**

From **Pierre Dutilh.** [*Circa* 1782.] Paris.

Has fitted out a vessel for New England; desires letters to Messrs. Robert Morris and Richard Bache at Philadelphia, Mr. Dorsius at Charleston, and Mr. Williams at Boston, in order that they may receive the cargo. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 6.**

From **Comtesse de Forbach, La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Inquires if Franklin has any messages to send to Germany or Lorraine, and if he received the scissors she sent him a few days ago. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 93.**

From **C. E. Griffith.** [*Circa* 1782.] London.

Begs his help in pressing their claim to large tracts of land in New York and New Jersey, left them by her uncle Bickley, one time Attorney-General at New York. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 33.**

From **Alexander Grose.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Is an American seaman and native of Cape Cod; petitions Franklin to obtain his release from prison at Dunkerque. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **LVII, 96.**

From **Henry Harford.** [1782?]

Congratulating Congress, through Franklin, on the approaching acknowledgment of that independence, so gloriously fought for; his intention to embark for America and become a citizen of that country. Acknowledging his polite attentions to Dr. Shuttleworth. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Franklin. Mr. Smith who brought this letter states that Mr. Harford is Proprietary of Maryland. **XL, 156.**

From **Mme. Helvétius.** [*Circa* 1782.] Wednesday morning.

Invites Messrs. Franklin to dine with her informally. Through a misunderstanding did not see them yesterday when they called. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 193.**

From ——— **Jary.** [*Circa* 1782.] Nantes.

Requests a passport for a vessel loaded with machinery for him bound from Chester, England, to Nantes. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIV, 110.**

From [**Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782?] Paris.

Prevented from waiting on Franklin by a visit from Mr. Jay; makes another appointment. A. L. 1 p. **XLII, 135.**

From [**Marquis de la Fayette.** 1782?]

Desiring a copy of the paper he gave Major Rob, that he may enclose it to Gen. Washington and get his approbation of the measure. A. L. 1 p. **XLII, 137.**

From ——— **Laublin.** [*Circa* 1782.] Lille.

Presenting Franklin with an instrument, of his own invention, to be used in the marine, for ascertaining the position of the sun; asks no other recompense than some employment in Franklin's house; when peace is declared, desires to establish himself in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 187.**

From **Miss Laurens.** [*Circa* 1782.] Paris.

Asks him to send any letters for her by bearer. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 204.**

From **M. and Mme. [Antoine Laurent] Lavoisier.** [1782?]

Congratulating him on the approaching peace and begging him to dine with them on the 27th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 167.**

From ——— **Lemerre.** [*Circa* 1782.] Lyons.

Absolutely resolved to go to America; begs for a letter of recommendation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 183.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Returning the papers containing accounts of two engagements between the English and the allied forces in America. Compliments Franklin on his progress in French. The only bad mistake he generally makes is in confounding the gender of words. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 39.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1782?]

Concerning certain kinds of stoves. Desiring Franklin's interest on behalf of M. de la Porte, who wishes the position of American Consul at Teneriffe. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 154.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1782?]

Desiring to wait on Franklin with a young officer, a son of M. Guéneau [de Montbéliard]. Messages from Mme. Martin de Sette, à propos of a consulship for her husband. Acknowledging the beautiful medal presented to the club. Question of electing Dr. Priestley a member of the Académie des Sciences. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 156.**

From **"La petite femme de poche"** [**Mme. Le Roy.** *Circa* 1782.]

Writes to inquire about his health and says that his friends (herself and others) would like to pay him a visit that evening. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 65b.**

From **"La petite femme de poche"** [**Mme. Le Roy.** *Circa* 1782.]

Is very displeased with Franklin for letting her go away in the inclement weather the previous evening so late and keeping M. Le Roy with whom she wished to take supper. Has always tried to be agreeable to him, but will in future not expose herself to such a slight. Returns him his umbrella. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 67.**

From **Mme. Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine and spend the afternoon at her house. A. N. in 3d P. (In French.) **LXXI, 35b.**

From **Mme. Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Asking if he will introduce "La petite femme de poche" to M. and Mme. St. Auban. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 36a.**

From [**Mme. Le Roy?** *Circa* 1782.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin to dinner. N. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin: It gives him so much pleasure and happiness to see her and hear her speak that he cannot but accept such a precious invitation. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 100a.**

From **Mme. Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Inquiring about an invitation which they had received from Dr. Franklin. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 43b.**

From **La Loge des Neuf Soeurs.** [1782.]

Noting that the honorary office of Venerable was unanimously bestowed on Franklin. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 90.**

From **Mathieu Martinet.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Released from prison in England, petitions for prize-money due him for several English vessels captured whilst he was on the frigate "Protector." L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 89.**

From **John Oliver and Emanuel Miles.** [*Circa* 1782.] London.

Two American prisoners, residents of Dunkirk, France, confined in Clerkenwell prison, beg Franklin to obtain their release. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LX, 17.**

From **Gourdeau de Monthigny.** [*Circa* 1782.] Chantonnay.

Desires Franklin to procure him employment in the American army, or the position of tax collector on one of their islands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 53.**

From ——— **de Montréal.** [1782?]

Went to America as Director of Military Hospitals in the train of Rochambeau's army; the breaking up of this army makes him fear the recall of his commission; desires letters of recommendation to certain commercial houses in America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 59.**

From ——— **de Montréal.** [1782?]

Asks for letters of introduction to business houses in America which might employ him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 85.**

From **V[eu]ve Musset.** [*Circa* 1782.] L'Orient.

Begs Franklin to secure payment of her bill for board, lodging, etc., of two sailors from American frigates of war. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 50.**

From **Comte de Pignatelli.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Informing Franklin that he has had his first audience with the King and Queen as Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Naples. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 218.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1782.] Paris.

Recalling Franklin's invitation to a subscription concert at his house, on account of the expected presence of Lord and Lady Stormont; as the treaty is not yet concluded, Franklin may not care for an interview with the Ambassador. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 121.**

From **Messrs. F[ran]çois Romand et fils.** [*Circa* 1782.] Lyons.

Are sending one of their sons to Boston with a large quantity of merchandise to dispose of. Request Dr. Franklin to give him a letter of introduction to some prominent merchant there. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 223.**

From ——— **Romanier.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Thanking Franklin for all his kindness to his brother and asking a continuance of his favor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 120.**

From ——— **Rougemont.** [*Circa* 1782.]

Asking Franklin to viser the due bill enclosed. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 225.**

From **W[illia]m Rowbottom.** [*Circa* 1782.] Nantes.

Pressed into the English army and sent to America; deserted twice and escaped to France; desires to pursue his trade of ship-joiner. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 63.**

From **David Toner,** *et al.* [1782.]

Petition from nine American sailors, who seized an English brigantine which was confiscated by the French authorities at San Domingo, begging Franklin to obtain the return of the vessel or its value to them. L. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 87.**

From ——— ———. [1782?]

Making inquiries as to the fate of M. [de] Mauduit Duplessis, a French officer, who entered the American army two years before. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 78.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1782.]

Thanking him for his kind attention to the writer and his wife. Inquiries about his health and asks when he will come to see them. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 98.**

From ——— ———. [1782?]

Informs him of the great losses he sustained during the war, and asks him to induce Great Britain to make some compensation to the American sufferers. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 100.**

From ——— ———. [1782?]

Sends explanation of the medal [struck in honor of the capitulations of Saratoga and Yorktown]. Thinks he has understood what Franklin wished, simply a description of the events designated on it. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 126.**

From ——— ———. [1782.]

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dine with him. Expects to have Count d'Estaing. Asks Franklin to invite M. de Chaumont also. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 135.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1782.]

Requesting a letter of recommendation to M. Duler, supercargo on the ship "Harmonie" bound for Charleston or Edenton. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXIV, 109.**